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□ FRANK FARINA

# FARINA TO SUE

BY BERNIE HARRIS

**YOUTH international striker Frank Farina is now at the centre of a two-club tussle which appears to be heading for the Queensland Supreme Court.**

One of the clubs is Canberra Arrows, eagerly wanting Farina for the coming season.

The other is Mareeba, from north Queensland, which stands to gain

handsomely from the sale of the youngster.

Farina signed the infamous "blue form", registering him with Mareeba, for which he played four games for a total payment of \$110.

Mareeba wanted

\$20,000 for Farina; Canberra replied in writing with a bid of \$3,000.

Last week the case went before the Queensland Soccer Federation's management committee after an appeal by Farina.

After many hours of de-

liberation, the decision was announced: the maximum fee at which Farina can be transferred is \$15,000.

It is understood the legal advice to Farina was to commence action in the Queensland Supreme Court.

Farina held lengthy discussions with his legal advisers, and he was told court action could involve a considerable delay.

For the time being, Australian Institute of Sport coach Jim Shoulder has offered Farina — an ex-AIS student — a visiting fellowship to allow him to play in Canberra's Friendship Cup tournament.

QSF president Ian Brusasco said the committee had taken "a million factors into considera-

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## OLYMPIC FANS WANT KOSSIE

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC supporters want a new striker ... and the man they're after is Australian captain John Kosmina.**

Last Sunday at Olympic's NSW Ampol Cup match against Sydney Croatia, Olympic fans were preparing to collect money to enable the club to bid for the star striker.

Kosmina is under contract to Sydney City, but if Olympic came with the right price the Slickers would probably negotiate.

However, that price would surely be over the \$30,000 mark, as Sydney City paid \$28,000 for Kosmina three years ago.

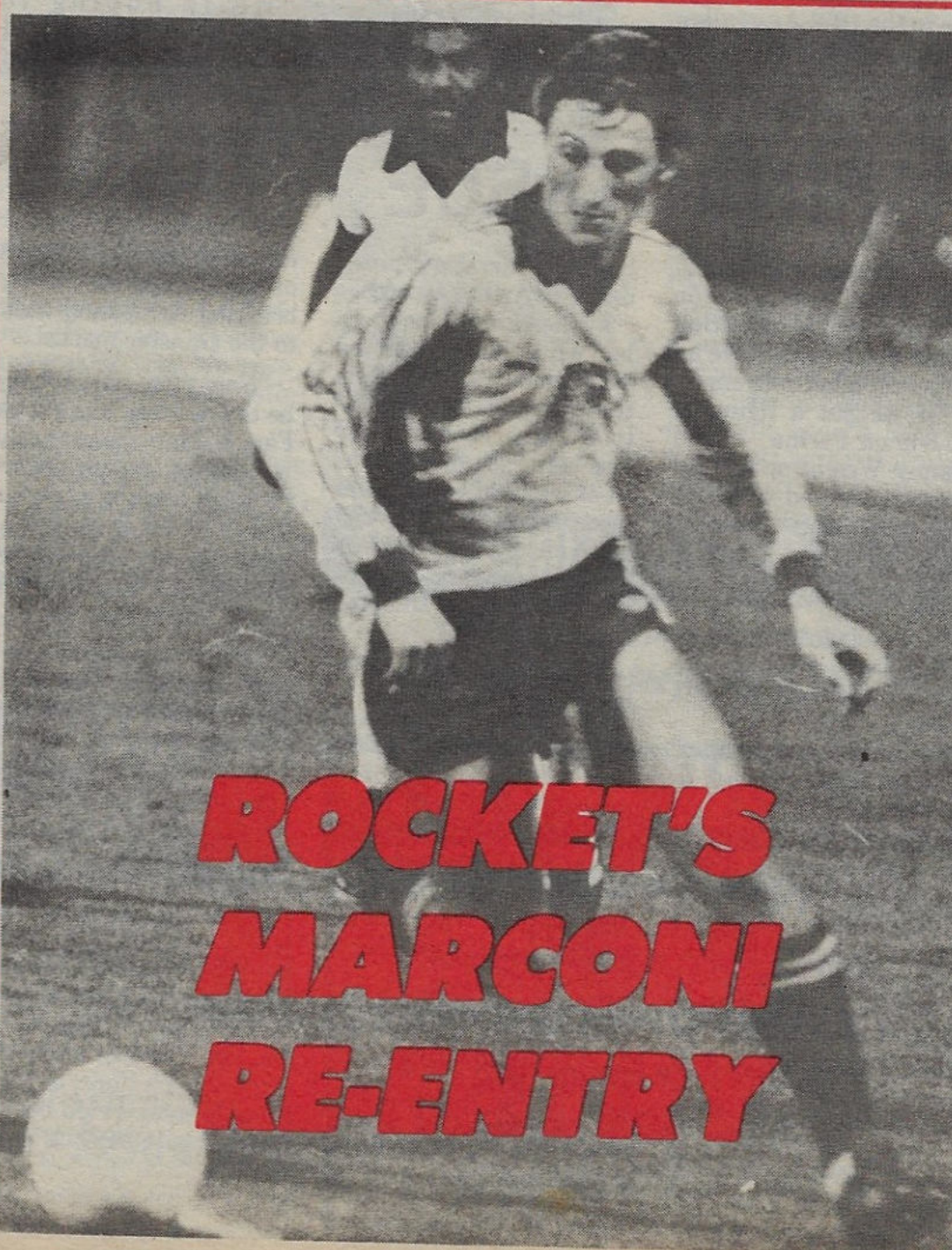
There could be something in the wind as Kosmina has yet to make an appearance for his club in the Ampol Cup.

The reason given for Kosmina's absence in the first game was that he had tonsillitis ... but a prominent Sydney City player said "Kossie" flatly refuses to play in the Cup.

It is common knowledge that when the Slickers looked like folding last season, Kosmina had talks with Leichhardt, as did David Mitchell, now with Glasgow Rangers.

The Sydney Olympic committee met last night to consider their supporters' proposal. They are also likely to make a decision regarding young Canterbury-Marrickville striker Nick Theodorakopoulos.

Canterbury want \$6,000 for him.



## ROCKET'S MARCONI RE-ENTRY

**PETER "ROCKET" SHARNE, Australia's former World Cup flying winger, could return to his home club, Marconi, sooner than expected.**

Last Friday night, immediately after Marconi's narrow Ampol Cup victory over Blacktown City, president Ronnie "Dom Perignon" Cavagnino, offered terms to Peter who readily accepted.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Cavagnino's action was motivated by a group of ardent Marconi supporters who immediately raised \$5,000 towards paying a transfer fee to Sharne's club in Hong Kong, Eastern.

The Hong Kong club has Sharne listed for transfer at \$30,000, having paid Marconi two years ago an Australian record figure of \$47,000.

Cavagnino told ASW: "When our supporters showed such a keen interest in Peter, and coach, Les Scheinflug, made it very clear he wants Peter, I was left with no alternative but to offer him a contract."

Now the ball is in Eastern's court to drastically reduce Sharne's transfer, as Peter has made his feelings quiet clear. He

does not want to return to Hong Kong unless he really has to.

Cavagnino went on: "Peter, as far as Marconi is concerned, has always belonged here and I feel it is my duty to Marconi, as well as to Australia, to get the lad back."



□ Rod Brown

Should Marconi be successful in re-signing the "Rocket," the club with David Lowe, Mark Janakovic, Rod Brown and Steve Winn, will have the strongest strike-power in the NSL.

I'm sure Scheinflug wouldn't mind that too much as Marconi has already threatened to shoot for NSL honours this season.

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## EDITORIAL

THE National League fixture list for 1984 is about to be published, rather belatedly.

When it does finally surface, it will make provision for a mid-season break of three or four weeks when representative matches will replace the normal club programme.

Is this a good thing?

From the point of view of national coach, Les Scheinflug, the break is not only desirable but, indeed, essential.

Scheinflug badly needs to see his top players in match action against foreign opposition.

Without a break in the club fixtures, this would be very difficult.

So three or four blank weeks would be useful to get the national squad together — although it now appears the National Cup will be slotted in during that period.

The halt in NSL matches is bound to have an adverse effect on Australia's premier competition.

One gets the impression that the Australian Soccer Federation, putting the national team at the top of its list of priorities, is not very concerned about how clubs suffer.

In most countries, club Soccer at first division level is rightly regarded as the bread and butter of the sport and, quite often, the national team has to take second place to it.

We do not condone that club-before-country outlook but it is difficult finding an acceptable compromise.

In Northern Ireland recently, there was a move for a mid-season break in the club programme. The move, motivated by the dreadful weather which affects the UK in the darkest weeks of winter, was rejected outright by clubs.

Comments from two of Ireland's leading club managers are interesting:

**ROY COYLE** (Linfield boss): "You cannot hop in and out during the season because players lose momentum. Even one week's lay-off has its effect."

**RON MCFALL** (Glentoran manager): "With part-time professionals, you just cannot have a break in the season."

There has been talk for many years about taking a four-weeks break in January or February in the English club programme.

Clubs refuse to give it a go — even as an experiment.

In 1984, however, it will operate in Australia's National League.

Perhaps the most surprising thing about this business is that the NSL clubs have accepted the situation.

Could it be that their national pride and overwhelming desire to assist Les Scheinflug has inspired them to make what is a considerable sacrifice?

ASW finds that hard to accept.

Can you imagine the Aussie Rules competition being cancelled for four weeks in Melbourne in mid-season... or the Sydney Rugby League programme being given similar treatment?

Of course not. It would be an unthinkable situation.

It is all right for Soccer's National League competition to be put in abeyance, but it would not work in any other football code. Maybe the rulers of the round ball game are right and the people running other football codes are wrong.

Rugby League, seemingly, does not want to cancel even one weekend of club football to accommodate the well-attended State of Origin fixtures.

Perhaps Soccer's most sensible move would be to carry on playing NSL club games, but to postpone those involving clubs which supply several players to the representative squad.

This would be better than losing the continuity of the NSL championship



□ HOWARD TREDINNICK playing for Newcastle KB

## TREDINNICK TO JOIN MELITA

BY BRAD EARL

HOWARD TREDINNICK, Australian squad member under stand-in national coach Frank Arok in 1983, is set to join Parramatta Melita.

"We're almost there," Melita coach Raul Blanco said last night.

"Negotiations are very well advanced, and should be finalised in the next day or two."

Newcastle's asking price for Tredinnick is \$10,000.

A left-back, he will be replacing former Melita captain Micky Cross, who joined Penrith City in the close-season for \$5,000.

Tredinnick was a regular in the 1981 Australian Youth team, and worked with Blanco as assistant coach to Les Scheinflug.

"He is a magnificent player," Blanco said.

"Now that he can be exposed a bit more in Sydney he has a marvellous chance to establish himself as an Australian international. The best is yet to come from him."

Tredinnick will be living in Gosford to be able to continue his work at Doyalson Colliery, half-an-hour north of Gosford.

"I felt I was stagnating a little bit and that I needed a change," he said.

Up to now, Melita's on-

ly new signing was sweeper or striker Kenny Wilson from St George.

Wilson didn't make an appearance for his new team in pre-season games due to injury, but he is now back in full training.

Blanco has still to make a final decision on whether to sign experienced players Steve McDonald and John Davies, who have been trialing in the Ampol Cup matches.

He is hoping to strengthen his squad further with the addition of a forward.

## FARINA TO SUE

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tion," the main one being that when it set a fee on Farina it would be setting a fee which could have an effect on other players.

"If we put a figure of \$5,000 on Farina... and Danny Wright or Russell Stewart wanted to move, they could tell the QSF: 'We want to go for \$5,000'." Brusasco said.

When the news was conveyed to Canberra coach Doug Collins, he could not conceal his dismay.

"It is absolutely tragic," he said. "It is obvious to me that the QSF has made a decision for the Mareeba club and it has not been concerned at all about Frank Farina. I know him; he will be very unhappy."

"There is no way I will be paying \$15,000 for Frank Farina."

At the official announcement of changes involving the national Youth team in Canberra — before the QSF's decision came through — I interviewed Australian

Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George.

I asked him: "One problem which arises from the development at the AIS is that there is the possibility of outrageous transfer fees being sought by clubs from which these players come. What can the ASF do to ensure that there is more balance and reasonableness when a transfer fee is sought?"

Sir Arthur's reply, verbatim was:

"All it can do is what it has already done. It establishes well-documented appeals procedures. Club officials should be warned that if there are unreasonable transfer fees the appeal court will shoot those decisions down."

"You cannot bring sanity to people who are financially irresponsible, unfortunately. For a seller to get a high price, there has to be a silly buyer. It takes two to make a bargain."

"I think the financial tightness, caused by the

recession, on the finances of the clubs is slowly bringing real sanity back to the transfer market."

"Now there will always be the odd case like Frank Farina. Mareeba probably will never get an opportunity of earning a transfer fee in their lives again. They see an opportunity of getting rich with this young player."

"Well, Canberra Arrows should go quickly and ask for expedited appeal procedures; and I think they will get justice."

But, as the secretary of the ASF Brian Emery confirmed, there is no right of appeal from the QSF's decision. The ASF has authority only with respect to appeals for National League club players and disputes between States. Each State Federation is a sovereign body.

So, despite the howls of outrage from the Arrows, it really has no standing in the matter. Action lies with Frank Farina.

## MELITA'S AMBITIOUS PROJECT

BY KEITH GILMOUR

MELITA EAGLES, now linked with the name of the City of Parramatta, are on the way to securing their own licensed club premises.

It is a far cry from their earlier days when they went from pillar to post in a search for grounds and a home of their own.

The stability of management they have achieved stands out like a shining beacon in NSW Soccer.

Their almost ceaseless search for a ground ended when they were awarded a long-term lease of parkland in Everley Rd, South Granville, near the start of Duck Creek, from Parramatta City Council.

Unbelievable work followed as the ground, seating lighting and amenities were constructed. Funds came from supporters and grants, and the voluntary labour made available was an epic in itself.

The fund-raising scheme for the club project is a work of art in itself.

The aim is to purchase 1.2 acres of light industrial zoned land adjoining the stadium and then erect the facilities.

It is no small task to raise the \$300,000 to \$325,000 involved in the land purchase, but the project is under way.

The backbone of the appeal is for 1000 people to donate \$250, at the rate of \$10 per week.

Securing so many at \$250 would be difficult, but broken down to a weekly donation, all things are possible.

Obviously club supporters think so. Already almost 400 have enrolled under the scheme.

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Looking after this project is Don Agius, 14 Theresa St, Smithfield 2164 and Maurice Gili 727 0248.





TWO years ago, I was told by the secretary-manager of Blacktown City, Peter Thorne, that the future of Australian Soccer lay in district clubs such as his own and the ethnic image of Soccer would die.

I wonder what he thinks of the decision of neighbours Bankstown to amalgamate with Arab groups and call themselves Bankstown-National and the similar arrangement made by Auburn which now is Auburn-Uruguay.

These amalgamations, plus the decision by the Soccer authorities to dispense with restrictions of ethnic names for clubs such as Croatia, Melita and others, seems to directly contradict Mr Thorne's prediction.

The fact is that born and bred Australians are hardly watching our Soccer.

The gates of the Auburns, Bankstowns, Sutherlands and even Mr Thorne's Blacktown reflect this.

Soccer interest in this country, at the adult

## MIKE JOHNSON



# ETHNICS IN TAKE-OVER

level, is consolidating into ethnic groupings of supporters and even the players now increasingly are of ethnic background.

It will be interesting to see whether Penrith, with its multi-national flavour, but still with a strong Australian base, will pull in the supporters it hopes for.

Last year in Wollongong, some of the ethnic teams in the local com-

petition occasionally drew as many supporters as Wollongong City.

Ethnic-orientated Soccer, which excludes the base of Australian people, is not necessarily a good thing, but that is how our game is at the moment and is likely to be for many years to come.

To be sure, in time, the ethnic groupings

will become more assimilated into our community at large.

This in turn will be reflected at games, but in the meantime administration will need to bear in mind those people who are most interested in Soccer and plan accordingly.

As far as Jim Giffin, secretary of Bankstown is concerned, Bankstown's amalgamation with the Arab group-

ings, predominately Lebanese, had to come.

"Bankstown's professional team would have been dead," he said.

"We expect better support, and more sponsorship money coming our way as a result of our merger," he said.

I met Charlie Struck at Bankstown's game against Sydney Olympic in the Ampol Cup.

Struck has been three decades with Bankstown as a leading official in the junior and senior clubs and for him it must have been strange, to say the least, to see the new Bankstown in action.

However, times change and we all have to accommodate them, or risk slow death and fossilisation.

## TV ROW — NSL BOSS TALKS

ARRANGEMENTS for the NSL's "Match of the Day" television coverage have been reviewed following last week's outburst by Canberra Arrows' president, Charles Perkins.

This was disclosed to ASW by NSL chairman, Sam Papasavas.

As reported by ASW last week, Charles Perkins had angrily sent out telegrams to every member club setting out his objections to telecasts being made from four grounds only.

BY

JOHN ECONOMOS

Papasavas told us: "The issue was not completely finalised. All clubs, however, had agreed the principle of 'Match of the Day' was worth pursuing.

"We had a lot of problems to consider — catering, advertising revenue and ground fees. We were happy to co-operate with Channel 0-28."

Papasavas went on: "The contract with West Nally, the NSL's sponsor, has been fully discussed with the clubs for two years. The clubs endorsed this contract."



□ SAM PAPASAVAS

As things now stand, the 'Match of the Day' will be decided every Monday morning by a

panel comprising NSL manager Stefan Kamasz, the management committee and commercial manager Peter Sheean.

Papasavas commented that it is imperative that the best match was televised at the best ground.

St George Stadium and Olympic Park are the best grounds for Soccer and television in Australia.

But one can sympathise with Charles Perkins' objections.

Canberra Arrows' home ground, Bruce Stadium, is a magnificent sporting arena, easily one of the very best, which cannot be compared to Pratten Park, Lambert Park, etc.

One can only hope that a sensible, democratic, but above all logical solution, can be worked out that will benefit Soccer, not just certain individuals.



## AROK GETS THE POST

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FRANK AROK, the St George manager-coach, has been appointed State coach by the NSW Federation for the interstate match against Queensland.

The match will be played at Perry Park, Brisbane, and Arok is determined to avenge last year's 3-0 defeat.

Arok said: "We must do something to pay Queensland back for what happened last year."

"I am delighted with the appointment and it's another personal challenge."

"At this stage I will not be calling the NSW squad for training on a Monday night, as has been the custom in the past."

"NSW will train at the St George Stadium, possibly on a Tuesday or Wednesday night, but certainly not on Mondays."

Arok added that he would not be announcing the State squad before the

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## CITY'S MOVE TO INCREASE VISA QUOTA

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY will launch a move to have the number of visa players in the NSL increased from the present two rule imposed for this season.

Bob D'Ottavi, the club's football manager, is the man behind the plan, but insists he has nothing against local talent.

"The simple fact is there is not enough local products who can meet the high standard we are looking for in the NSL," said D'Ottavi.

"I feel we should be allowed at least four visa players."

"It sounds very grand to say you are encouraging local talent, but if the game suffers and the crowds fall off then where do you go?"

"Liverpool are giants in Europe and England, but how many Englishmen are in their first 11?"

"It's packed with Scots, Irish and Welsh."

"If they can't produce enough local players how are we supposed to do it here?"

D'Ottavi agreed that visa players should be cut back, but that it was too early at this stage.

"We need as many as possible to blend in with our youngsters who do not have the experience of overseas players or that natural flair which is born into players from the major Soccer nations," he said.

"And provided we sign only the best we can get from overseas our gates are bound to improve along with the standard we can produce for the spectators."

D'Ottavi also lamented the departure of the top talent from Australia to overseas teams.

"At the last count we had 12 of the best playing overseas," he said.

"What's the point of producing stars then selling them overseas when we need them for our own game?"

City were placed in an awkward position this year with two visa players — midfielder Les Carter and sweeper Neil Banfield.

The latter did not return from England in time for the Ampol Cup series then asked for an extension.

Meanwhile City had located an English striker on holiday from New Zealand who proved a star in trials.

They have had to delay signing him until Banfield makes up his mind what he's doing.

At the last check his English club, Orient, had asked City to release him, and as we went to press, City had agreed and were rushing to sign the Kiwi.

And talking of Kiwis, City's international full back Glenn Dods, may return to the fold after saying he would retire.

Now an Australian, Dods is considering a comeback when the NSL season kicks off.

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# PANAGIS HAS AN EARLY SETBACK

BY TOM McKAIN

**JOHN PANAGIS, rated one of the best midfield prospects in Australian Soccer, may have his career cut short.**

The West Adelaide State Youth team player has again been struck down by a "mystery" hip complaint.

He was sidelined for the latter part of the 1983 NSL season and told a rest might cure him.

He bounced back at the start of this season, but once again the 19-year-old, who turned down a chance to join the Youth Soccerroos at the Australian Institute of Sport, is on the treatment table.

He broke down following a fitness test session for the SA Youth squad after looking impressive in West's Ampol Cup opening win over Azzurri.

Although receiving daily treatment, Panagis has again been told to rest,

and unless he makes a miraculous recovery, he won't be seen again in the summer series.

He is also due to see a specialist in an effort to pinpoint the source of the problem.

Meanwhile the SA Youth squad is in regular training at the SA Sports Institute which has accepted 24 candidates to train under SA State coaching director Mike Wells.

The latter has signed up local coaches Uros Zivkovic and Johnny Perin to handle technical skills, Nick Bojanic for the goalkeepers and Marco Danielli for conditioning and mobility.

The 24-man squad is:

Shane Antonello (Brighton City), Scott Baird (Salisbury U.), Simon Green (Para Hills), John Harris (Modbury), John Klien (Croatia), Andrew Knowles (Azzurri), Paul Kolesnikowicz (Polonia), Kurt Leitner (West), Aste Loncar (Croatia), Nick Malavazos (West), Louis Maratos (Cumberland), Sandy Meggietto (Campbelltown), Colin Miller (Para), Tim Mullen (Salisbury U.), James O'Connor (Port), John Panagis (West), Steve Papadopoulos (West), Alby Rerich (Croatia), Graeme Schache (Para), Nenad Sosa (Croatia), Theo Stamatelopoulos (West), Brett Thomson (Adel. City), Alex Tobins (Birkalla), Anthony Ward (Polonia).

# SLICKERS' DISPUTE HITS CUP SIDE

**ONLY four regular first-team players from last year took to the field in Sydney City's opening Ampol Cup victory over Canterbury 2-1.**

The remainder of the first-team squad is at present in a dispute with the club over terms for the coming season.

Until this is solved, the club will be fielding a vastly understrength team in the Ampol Cup.

It is a situation I'm sure the club will be hoping to rectify as soon as possible. Our club has always strived to be No 1 and I'm certain the men at the helm of the club this year will want to continue in that vein.

It would be tragic if the unit Eddie Thomson has built over the years was allowed to decay by the loss of key players.

I'm certain none of the players would want to leave Sydney City. Knowing the attitude of the club I'm sure they will be working overtime in bid to retain the



□ EDDIE THOMSON

talented squad of players they have at their disposal.

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ONCE again I must mention the fact that players who represent Australian receive nothing whatsoever from the ASF for their selection.

Ask Peter Tredinnick, who recently made his

# WATSON'S CROSSES

national team debut, how he felt playing in the Green and Gold. And what does he have to show for one of the proudest moments in his life? Only a memory.

Ask any international player from any country what his most treasured possessions are and he will not hesitate in saying, his caps for representing his country.

So come on you lot over there at the ASF,

**BY JOE WATSON**

get your act into gear. The players you choose to represent Australia are prepared to give their all for the Soccerroos, so it's about time you gave them something to show for it.



# EAGLES HOPE TO PROVE A POINT

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

**PARRAMATTA MELITA, newly-promoted to the NSL, have several players aiming to prove a point.**

No less than nine players in the first grade squad have experienced the trials and tribulations of the NSL.

Each one was released or unwanted by their respective clubs.

John McKie, Colin McAusland and Bobby McGinn came from Leichhardt, Billy Griffiths, Dennis Duarte and Kenny Wilson from St

George, Alec Jamieson and Don Allan from Sydney Olympic, and Richie Williams from Marconi.

Also trialling at Melita are two other St George "rejects", Steve McDonald and John Davies.

McKie, who plays up-front for the Eagles, was on Leichhardt's books for two years. This year will be his third for Melita and his experience will be an

asset to younger partners Paul Andricopoulos and Wayne Farnsworth.

McAusland originally played for Melita before transferring to Leichhardt. He spent three years there as a regular, but the club didn't renew his contract at the end of that period.

Raul Blanco, coach of Melita, moved quickly to re-sign him.

McGinn last played in the NSL in 1980. The following year he went on loan to the now-defunct North Sydney Inter team, before joining Melita in 1982.

He was the club's highest pointscorer in the Rothmans Medal last year, and a big year is tipped for him this season.

Surprisingly, Billy Griffiths was released from St George seven rounds into the 1983 NSW State League competition. He possesses great skill, ball control and temperament and I'm sure he will have a great season.

Duarte had spent four years at St George before signing up with Melita at the beginning of last year. His speed and pin-point crosses from the wing will cause many problems for opposing defences this year.

Wilson spent one season at St George last year after having played for Sydney Olympic for a number of years.

A utility player who has played in practically every position, Blanco signed him up from the Saints to bolster his squad for the NSL this year.

Alec Jamieson, starting his third year at Melita, is a workhorse in the midfield. The midfield combination of either Jamieson, Farrugia, Griffiths and Allan should be one of the strongest in the competition.

Allan, who came out of premature retirement to



□ Melita players in action: Richie Williams (above) and Billy Griffiths (right)

play in the Super Challenge Cup, was with Olympic when the NSL started in 1977.

The highest goalscorer at Melita during the last five years, Allan will have new responsibilities this year in a midfield position.

Richie Williams began his career at Marconi, progressing from the juniors in the late 1970s. He has been Melita's regular right-back for a number of seasons now.

Melita coach Raul Blanco is positive his NSL rejects won't let him down.

"It's a marvellous chance for these ex-NSL players to show what there made of. They all have a point to prove to the clubs that let them go."

On his team's prospects for the 1984 season, Blanco said: "All the people at Melita are thrilled to be in the top league."

"Everyone involved at the club has worked hard over the years to get here. We aim show that we deserve to be here."

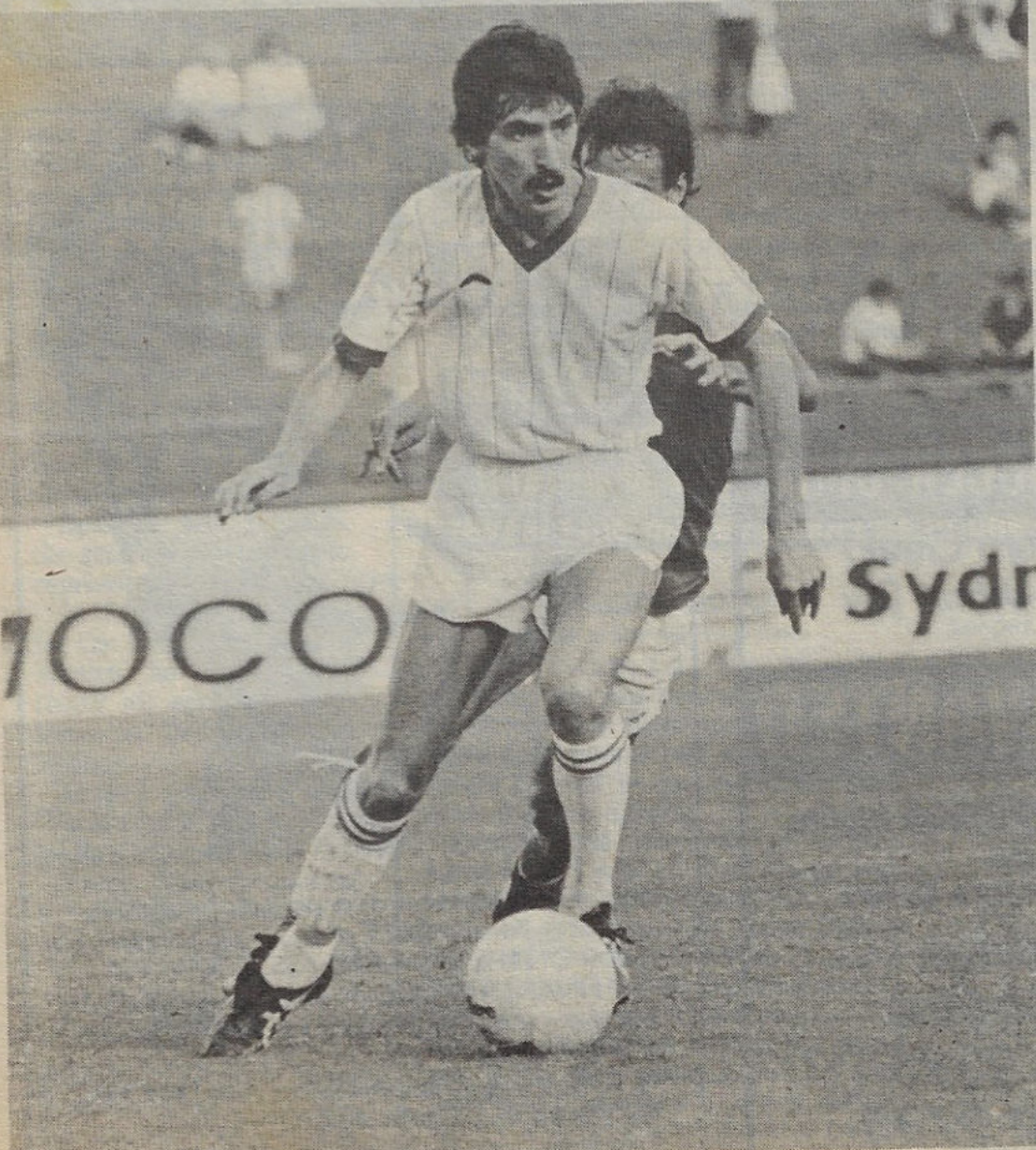


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□ BOBBY MCGINN: pointscorer



# EYES ON DAVO IN COMEBACK

**SOUTH Melbourne midfielder Alan Davidson is ready to resume his career in Australian Soccer.**

Davo settled his differences with his coach Len McKendry after a marathon meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Now he's preparing for the match against Preston, the first semi-final of the Buffalo Gold Cup.

Despite his treatment by the English authorities, Davidson has brought back a lot of happy memories from the continent.

"Rubbing shoulders with some of the top European players is a thrilling experience and to some extent a comforting feeling, for the refusal of the English authorities to grant me a working permit," says Davidson.

"I have been given the opportunity to learn more about the game and familiarise with the modern ideas incorporated into the game by the Europeans and study the attitude, the approach and the application of the true professionals.

"People may say that this is not enough compensation for the disappointments and the setbacks I have experienced in England, particularly after Arsenal had offered me a contract, but I can assure them it was all worth the effort and the time."

Asked about the reasons for his refusal to sign with Bayern Munich, Davidson replied: "I was offered a contract by the German club but I refused to sign because the prime condition of me staying in Germany was attaining German citizenship.

"Had I decided to become a German citizen I would have automatically been disqualified from playing for Australia. As far as I am concerned my position in the Australian national team is far more important than a position in one of the most prominent European teams."

Davidson told ASW that he has not given up hope that the English authorities will reconsider the initial verdict, that of rejecting his application for a work permit.

"The lawyers of Arsenal are still working on my appeal against the decision and I am hopeful they will manage to convince the authorities to grant me this all important work permit. They have already argued that the fee of \$30,000 included in my contract with South Melbourne is the highest price for an Australian player and they are optimistic about the outcome of my appeal."

Davidson refused to stay in England until February 18 when the appeal is likely to go before the authorities.

"I did not want to break my contract with South Melbourne and asked for permission to return to Australia before the commencement of the National League season.

"They were very understanding and let me come back to Australia on the agreement but if the outcome of the appeal is positive I will leave Australia on the 18th of the month."

Heidelberg defender Charlie Yankos had similar experiences in England.

Yankos was invited by former English manager Ron Greenwood for trials with Brighton City and although Yankos made a very good impression and Brighton expressed the desire to offer him the contract Yankos stumbled over the legal blocks and decided not to persevere with his case until such time that the English authorities decide the future of his national team mate Alan Davidson.

Yankos will be re-negotiating his contract with Heidelberg United and it is believed that one of the basic conditions will be his right to join Brighton City once the 2nd division club manages to obtain his work permit.



BOBBY HAMILTON

BY GREG RUSSELL

**BOBBY HAMILTON and Frank Pimblett are back in the fold at Brisbane City — and new coach Joe Gilroy has warned that the Gladiators should not be underestimated.**

"We still have the nucleus of the side that finished third three years ago and was top of the table at one stage last year. Added to that we now have an exciting crop of youngsters," Gilroy said.

Hamilton and Pimblett made their returns to the City team when the club played in a mini pre-season tournament at Grange Thistle last weekend.

Apart from a trial match the previous week, it was the first competition appearance for the pair, who along with Billy Williamson, were sacked late last season by then coach Jim Hermiston when the Scotsman adopted an all-out youth policy.

Hamilton at the time was the club's leading scorer with eight goals, and despite not playing the last seven rounds, was not headed.

Requests for his reinstatement are believed to

have sparked the rift between City and Hermiston.

Until several weeks prior to his axing, Pimblett was the City captain, and led Queensland to victory over New South Wales at Perry Park last May.

Frank Liddell took over the captaincy from Pimblett and appears to be favourite to retain the position, despite Pimblett's return.

Despite a year out of the NSL scene, Gilroy has settled quickly at Spencer Park.

"The squad is training very professionally at the moment, everyone is keen to do well," Gilroy said.

Although the youngsters dominated the City

line-up for the closing rounds last year, Gilroy will go for experience in the opening matches this season with only a sprinkling of youth.

Players like Stephen Glockner, Luciano Fabrizio, Angelo Falco and Andy Chapman could be kept waiting in the wings for the time being.

"The youngsters will keep the pressure on the other players," Gilroy said.

"It's a pleasing thing to have players of their calibre ready to jump at an opportunity.

"It would be silly to say we will win the championship but I am confident we will be a significant force again."

## 'REIS COULD PLAY FOR AUSTRALIA'

BY BERNIE HARRIS

**CANBERRA ARROWS coach Doug Collins believes his players are shaping up well in trial matches — particularly re-signed striker Alan Reis.**

"Reis stood out like a sore thumb," enthused Collins after a recent trial. "He looks a class player."

"Unless he is only good for practice matches, I have no hesitation in saying that he'll play for Australia. His skills were superb and the way a fellow of his size gets stuck into his job and the opposition demonstrates he's got guts."

Steve Bryant captained the team and his left-side play impressed Collins.

"I don't think there is any doubt about Bryant's ability. I've described Andrew Brockbank as the best left-side player in Australia, but Bryant will give him a run for his money."

"To be honest, to have both in the one team is a real bonus."

Although Collins is slightly daunted by the prospect that people will query his use of the term "best player in his position", he is prepared to take the plunge again when speaking of Arrows goalkeeper, Tony Franken, whose career he claims is set to soar.

"His reading of the game is his great asset. He knows when to come off his line and when to stop. He will make one hell of a difference to the defence."

Steve Hogg, like Reis returning to the club, impressed his coach with a 100 per cent effort.

"Steve doesn't know how to cheat; he's always looking for the ball and has a tremendous workrate."

## NOON PLANS CHANGES

**FORMER Ku-ring-gai coach Harry Noon, who last week was appointed coach of the Brisbane Lions National League side, may look to Sydney to strengthen his new team.**

Although Noon told club officials and players when he took over the reins at Richlands that he would be giving everyone in the present squad "a fair go", Noon revealed this week at least two Ku-ring-gai players had expressed interest in coming north.

Noon would not name them other than to say one was a striker and the other a midfielder.

It is also known that Noon is interested in a Sydney NSL midfielder, who appears to be now only a fringe player at his club.

But it is unlikely Noon will be able to snare all three as club finances could limit him to just one signing.

Lions got \$9,000 from Canberra Arrows for Steve Hogg, after asking \$15,000 originally, and the club is likely to quickly turn that back into the transfer market.

Club officials are known to stringently favour the signing of an experienced striker.

Although at this stage Lions only 1984 signing has been Tasmanian 19-year-old striker Andrew Leszczynski, who is still to show the form that impressed everyone at the Australian schoolboy titles last season.

But the squad has been bolstered by the return of two former players.

Billy Williamson, who went on loan to Brisbane City last season, is back at Richlands, as is goalkeeper Nigel Lownds, who left over differences with former coach Simon Kistemaker.

And since Noon took over, many other players at Lions have shown a renewed enthusiasm, particularly those who apparently had been banished to the reserves by Kistemaker.

The players' attitude has made the coaching transition much easier and club officials are confident Lions will get off to a good start this season.

Noon's knowledge of the Lions players, and their NSL opponents, was

the major factor in him winning the appointment. He was selected ahead of an unnamed Queensland under.

The pair had been weeded from 23 applications.

Noon in fact watched Lions four times in Sydney last season and has firm ideas where they went wrong.

"They were impressive in the first 20 minutes but then died. They had no system and just burned themselves out," he said.

Noon wants Lions to play with a swivelling back-four and wants a high workrate from his midfielders.

"I will be demanding but fair. If I am going to put my all in then I expect them to put theirs in too," he said.

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# PENALTY WOES FOR DEMONS

BY BRAD EARL

THE penalty-kick shoot-out was used for the second time in this year's Ampol Cup series when Marconi and Blacktown City met at Marconi Stadium.

Marconi defeated the Demons 4-3 on penalties, without needing to take their fifth kick, after the sides had been locked at 1-1 at the end of extra-time.



CHRIS DUNLEAVY

Stuart Selvage and Robbie Wheatley were the Blacktown players who failed to score, both shooting wide.

It is ironic that the shoot-out wouldn't have been required if Blacktown hadn't missed a penalty in the 33rd minute of the match.

Gary Byrne placed his shot just inside the upright, but he was foiled by the agility of Bruce James, the keeper Mar-

coni signed from Blacktown last season. The first half was action-packed, with the two goals coming in the first quarter-of-an-hour.

Blacktown midfielder Brett Thornthwaite made a run across the centre of the field in the 11th minute and let fly with a perfect shot off his left boot from 35 metres to open the scoring.

But Rodney Brown struck back for Marconi three minutes later when he made a strong run into the penalty area and hit a hard low shot past advancing Demons keeper Barry Hoare.

Hoare made a superb save in the 26th minute. Steve Winn took the ball down the left side of the box and fired in a shot, with Hoare tipping the ball over the bar.

Blacktown had two very good chances to settle things in extra-time, firstly when Selvage's chip hit the crossbar, and then when striker Adam Sandy had a low shot saved well by James.

Blacktown overshadowed the Marconi team, particularly in midfield, with Byrne having a strong game.

Marconi's strike-force of Winn, Brown and David Lowe only showed up occasionally.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug blamed the lack-lustre showing on their heavy training and also the fact that the team played Sydney Olympic in an exhibition match two nights earlier.

"Blacktown were unlucky not to beat us, the way they performed," Scheinflug said.

Chris Dunleavy, a \$6,000 signing from Wollongong, played as sweeper, and midfielder Selvage returned to the team. Their experience must have encouraged left-back Ian Shaw (17) and midfielders Thornthwaite (17) and Martin Bourke (16), who all played well.

"At training we worked hard on closing them down," coach Casey De Bruin said.

"It was a moral victory for us."

MARCONI: James; Djordjevic, Licata, Budini, Calderan (Gunning 91); Henderson, Gangi, Carbone; Brown, Winn, Lowe.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare; Wheatley, Shaw, Dunleavy, Pointer; Selvage, Bourke, Byrne, Thornthwaite; Sandy, Larkin.

REFEREE: D. Rennie. CROWD: 2,750.



Leichhardt's Baz Giampaolo goes flying after this challenge from Sydney City's Harry Ree

## FLETCHER'S SPEED SINKS LEICHHARDT

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

SYDNEY City advanced to the semi-finals of the 1984 Ampol Cup with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Leichhardt at St George Stadium.

Sydney City now face Marconi, who defeated Blacktown on penalties last Friday night.

Young Sydney City striker Graeme Fletcher asserted his superiority by scoring two fine goals. His speed helped pave the way for City's success.

Sebastian Giampaolo put Leichhardt ahead after seven minutes with a confident header.

Leichhardt looked to be in control in the early

stages, but lacked the spirit and spark of the young Sydney City side.

Midfield maestro Ken Boden created many problems and he set-up the first goal.

Leichhardt created numerous goalscoring chances but poor finishing in front of goal let them down.

Young City keeper Jim Konistis, who was deputising for Todd Clarke, looked vulnerable between the sticks.

Leichhardt should have

tested him out more.

Fletcher scored his second goal for City in the 63rd minute when he out-paced Leichhardt defender Jim Ziras, turned the Leichhardt keeper Bobby Parks and calmly slotted the ball into goal.

With minutes remaining Leichhardt looked like scoring the equaliser. Substitute Tony Genovese turned around City defender Michael Lynch, crossed the ball low to Bradley and he was ruled off-

side after scoring from close range.

SYDNEY CITY: Konistis, O'Rourke, Lynch, Gomez, Ree, De Marigny, Rodriguez, Barnes, Boden, Fletcher, Bottalico (Patterson 58).

LEICHHARDT: Parks, Spina, Pullen, Ziras, Bottalico, Butler, Bradley, Gray, Caban, De Ceglie (Genovese 58), Giampaolo (Tredinnick 51).



## WHEN IS AN OWN GOAL NOT AN OWN GOAL?

ASKS KEITH GILMOUR

THE Referees' Federation should clarify its position Australia-wide on the nominating of goalscorers after referee Tim Davies' rulings at the St George-Penrith City Ampol Cup quarter-final at Marconi Stadium.

Two early goals in the Saints' 4-1 victory were awarded to David Ratcliffe and Rob O'Shea, whereas they arrived via deflections by Peter Brogan and Paul Daley.

Davies said: "If a player heads or knocks the ball directly into his own net, I regard it as an own goal."

"If someone takes a shot and the ball goes in off a defender, then the player who took the shot gets credit for the goal."

That sounds fair enough, provided that other middle-men do the same. The goalscoring table would be a joke if referees varied their interpretations.

After netting twice in the first four minutes, St George coasted through the first half as new chums Penrith City struggled to put some semblance of cohesion in their play.

Fortunately for their supporters, Roy Cotton whipped in a glorious drive six minutes after the resumption after Mike Cross had laid on a telling short pass.

What appeared to be a clear foul by Pedro Ricoy on David Hale inside the box went unpunished, and Penrith missed a chance to draw level.

Then Saints' Andrew Koczka finished off a move in which five St George attackers

swarmed over three Penrith defenders.

It was left to Rob O'Shea to complete the scoring with a penalty after David McIntosh brought down Robbie Slater.

For St George, the game was largely a workout. They only faced determined pressure in the second half.

Penrith could take some solace in the per-



ROB O'SHEA

formances of Cross, Cotton, Daley, Mike Gibson and Brian Jackson, with David Fitzharris showing his skill in patches.

Ian Hunter played although his fitness was suspect. He will be a key player in the campaign ahead.

ST GEORGE: Fraser, Skeen, R.O'Shea, Barton (Ricoy 41), Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Slater, Petkovski, Koczka, J.O'Shea, Marton (Darlington 67).

PENRITH CITY: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh, Fitzharris, Nix (Hale 50), Jackson, Cotton, Colusso, Hunter.

REFEREE: T. Davies. CROWD: 2,750.

## WONDERFUL WATSON

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY Croatia pushed Sydney Olympic out of the 1984 Ampol Cup when their reliable goalkeeper Steve Watson pulled off a magnificent penalty save from Olympic's Marshall Soper in the 75th minute.

Croatia now meet St George in the semi-finals on Sunday night at St George Stadium.

Croatia applied extreme pressure in the first half and were a trifle unlucky not to have gone to the break leading 2-0.

In the 26th minute, Croatia's Wally Savor tested Olympic keeper Peter Wilson, when from 10 metres, he sent in a pivot shot.

In the 38th minute, Olympic's tenacious midfielder Gary Phillips kicked off the goal-line a flick from Croatia's Bruno Vidaic after the latter had received a low cross from Graham Arnold on the right.

In the 44th minute Croatia hit the lead when midfielder Steve Meades cracked a shot at the target; striker Shane

Clinch stuck his foot out to change the ball's trajectory into the Olympic net.

Ten minutes later, Olympic's Terry Patalis beat Croatia's advancing goalkeeper Steve Watson from an angle, but his shot hit the base of the left post.

Team mate Tony Dakos went inches wide of the post with a strong header in the 66th minute from a Peter Katholos cross.

With five minutes to go, Olympic's Mark Koussas busted just inside the box and was brought down by Croatia's centre-back Lee Sterrey.

Olympic captain Soper blasted his shot from the penalty spot, only to look horrified as Watson dived to his right to make an excellent save.

Best performers for Croatia were Watson,

skipper Bruno Vidaic and Lee Sterrey, capably supported by Wally Savor and Shane Clinch.

For Sydney Olympic, goalkeeper Peter Wilson and Phillips were always sharp.

After the match a delighted Croatia coach Atti Abonyi said: "We were very competitive and I was reasonably happy with everyone."

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, Basic, Sterrey, Vidaic, Rezo, Savor, Arnold, Meades, Clinch.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson, Rogers, Jennings, Dakos, Naumov, Phillips, Patalis (Kalantzis 63), Patalis, Soper, Katholos, Koussas.

GOALS: Sydney Croatia (Clinch 44).



# A SAINTS — MARCONI FINAL REPEAT?



— BY BRAD EARL —

The 1984 NSW Ampol Cup final could be heading for a repeat of last year's final.

Marconi, Cup holders, and St George, the team they beat on penalties in the final replay last year, will be hard to beat in their semi-final matches.

The teams who will be out to stop them will be Sydney City and Sydney Croatia respectively.

Sydney City coach Ed-die Thomson has had a new-look Slickers on the field in their two Ampol Cup matches, due to protracted negotiations with their star players.

The only real experience in the team is provided by Gerry Gomez, Murray Barnes and Kenny Boden.

However, the youngsters haven't failed yet, and with Graeme

Fletcher in goalscoring touch they will have every chance against Marconi.

Les Scheinflug expects to have Australian squad member Mark Jankovics available for Marconi, after he was sidelined last week with a calf muscle injury.

But he won't have Tommy McCulloch's services, as the 1983 Youth captain is not expected back from England until the weekend.

Experienced midfielder Raul Carrizo, who played for Croatia when they were State League champions in 1982, is attempting to win a regular place in the Marconi team.

Carrizo had to withdraw from the match against Blacktown City at the last minute through injury.

Croatia and St George have had some stirring matches since the pair fought out the NSW State League championship in 1981.

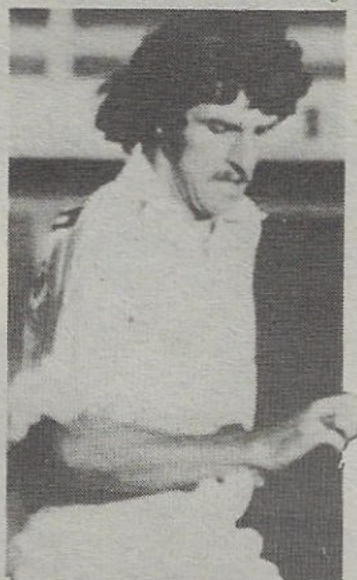
The two sides last met in the Super Challenge Cup last month for a 0-0 draw... which highlighted the defensive and midfield strength of both teams.

St George coach Frank Arok rested Peter Stone in the quarter-final against Penrith City.

The Stone-Mark Barton-John O'Shea midfield is a combination of skill,

determination and hard work, with equal talents in defence and attack.

The two Croatia central defenders, Lee Sterrey



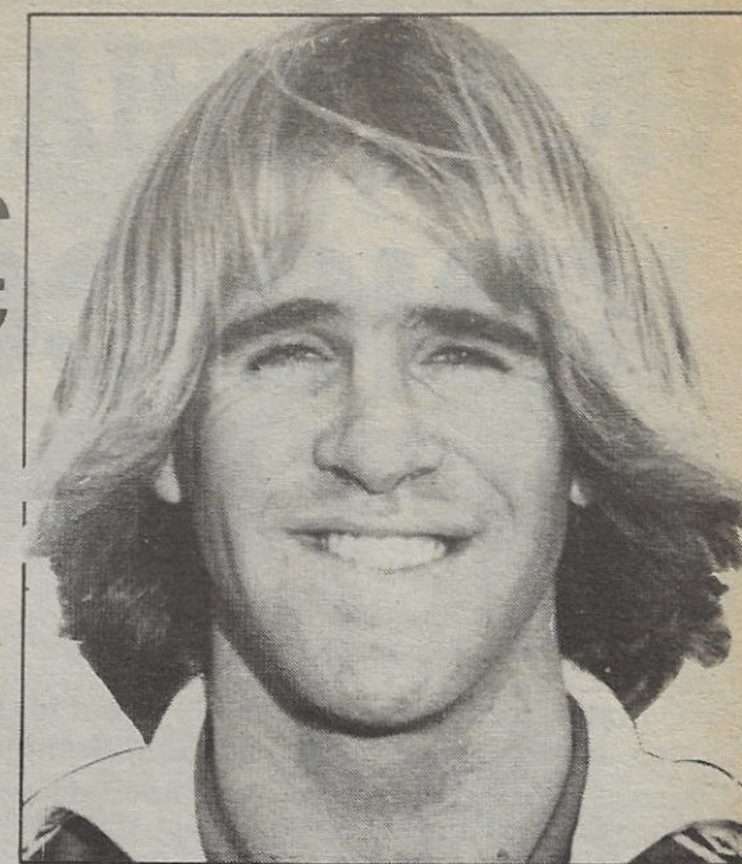
□ KENNY BODEN

and Bruno Vidaic, are really in fine form.

St George's striking duo, Dez Marton and Robbie Slater, will be forced to work very hard to break the defence, and then face goalkeeper Steve Watson, who made his return to the team on Sunday.

Watson saved a penalty against the boot of Marshall Soper in the last five minutes which denied Olympic the chance of forcing extra time.

□ MARK JANKOVICS



□ MARK BARTON (right): determination

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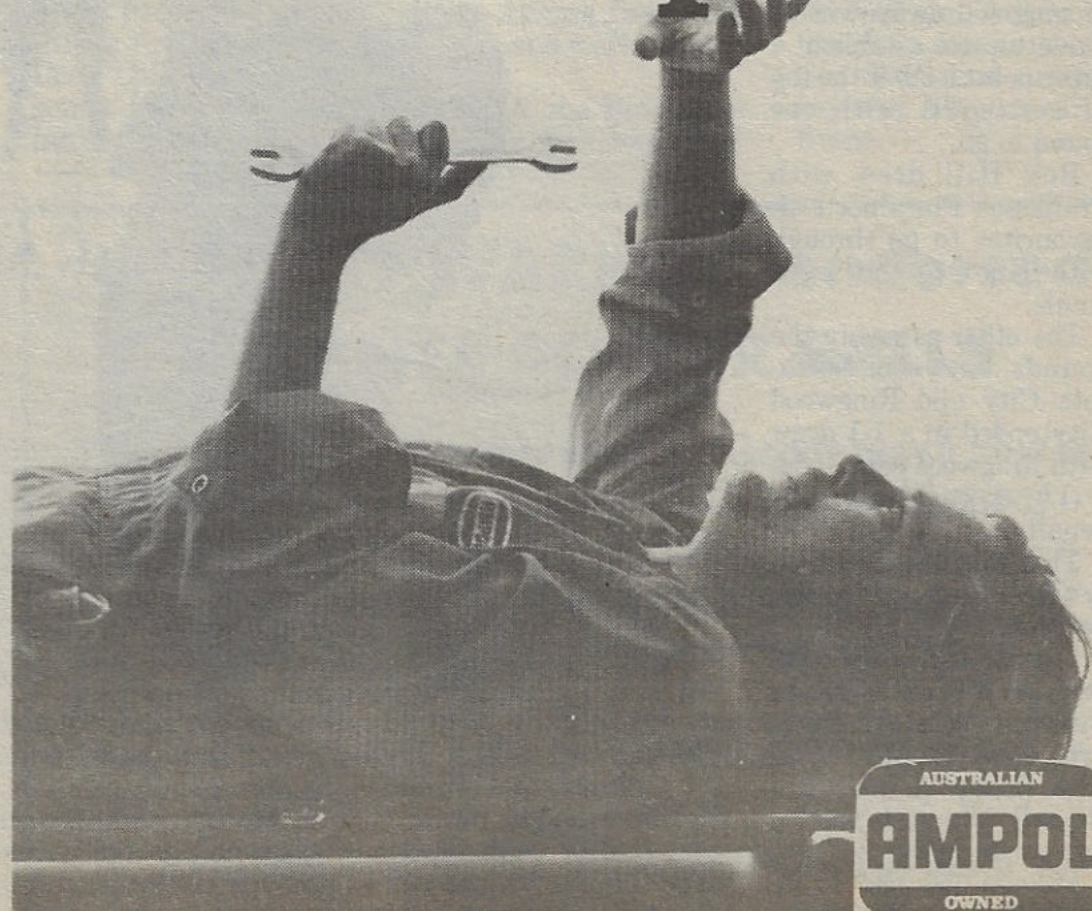
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## KING COLE ON TARGET

BY GARY CUTLER

**TWO goals from Gary Cole on his debut for Preston were enough to sink Juventus in the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup.**

Juventus had more of the play in the early exchanges until Cole struck in the 22nd minute.

This demoralised Juventus and Dobson added a second at the 35th minute with a well placed header.

Preston gradually ground down Juventus and Cole added a second after 66 minutes when he beat two defenders and the goalkeeper to score easily.

Coach Peter Ollerton said after the game: "Gary will be a valuable asset and I feel confident that we will be a force this season."

Juventus have problems as they lack penetration. John Margaritis will have his work cut out to put Juventus in a position to challenge for any honours this season.

A scoreless draw between Croatia and Heidelberg was enough to put Heidelberg out of the competition.

Croatia, who appeared to be the dominating force in group B, went through as winners of the group.

The game itself was a disappointment after the previous clash.

Croatia seemed to have taken the lead midway through the first half when David Brogan headed in a Joe Biskic cross. Their celebrations were short lived when the referee ruled Brogan off-side.

A few minutes later Heidelberg went close when Selemides smashed a header against the cross-bar.

These were the only highlights in an otherwise dull affair.

Midway through the first half Mike Valentine was taken off and had to have eleven stitches in a gashed knee.

Heidelberg had new signing Phil O'Connor on display. He showed good touches but Heidelberg will need to invest in a good striking partner for the international striker before they will get the best out of him.

Croatia coach Terry Hennessey said after the game: "Obviously we are pleased to be through to

the final round but I was disappointed with the performance. We will need to improve if we are to compete with the likes of South Melbourne.

"I have my eye on a couple of players but at the moment there are no signs of any of them coming to the club.

"It may well be that we will have to go through the early rounds of the season with the present squad."

On the other hand Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey was a little disappointed to be eliminated from the tournament having been undefeated.

Garvey said: "We should improve over the next few weeks now that we have O'Connor in the side and also expect to have Charlie Yankos available for the practise matches.

"Some of the players who were in dispute with the club have settled their differences and I am confident that by the start of the season we will have signed another couple of players and have a reasonably strong squad."



GARY COLE (right) on the ball

## THREE FOR SURE

**KNOX CITY, Morwell Falcons and Marbyrnong Polonia appear to be the three teams that will fight out this year's Buffalo State League Cup.**

Knox City had a convincing 2-0 away win at Doveton to establish a three point lead at the top of section A with one round to go.

Box Hill drew with Frankston Pines but look favourites to go through with Knox to the semi-finals.

The other games in the rounds between Northcote City and Ringwood City ended in a 1-1 draw with Ringwood equalising with a last minute penalty.

This was Northcote City's first point in the competition.

In section B of the competition Morwell Falcons thrashed Western Suburbs by five goals to nil with Bobby McInnis and Russell Altersych scoring two goals each.

Polonia also had a convincing win over the



BRUNO COZZELLA

struggling St Albans, winning 4-1.

Fawcner and Broad Meadows fought out a 7 goal thriller with Fawcner winning by the odd goal.

Fawcner striker

Sannipoli scored two and Bruno Cozzella also scoring two.

It would appear that on first showings the teams that are going to dominate this year's State

League are going to be Morwell Falcons and Polonia. Some of the sides who were well fancied last season may well find themselves struggling

## SOUTHS COAST HOME IN CUP

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

**SOUTH MELBOURNE advanced to the semi finals of the Buffalo Cup with a comfortable 2-0 win over a depleted Croydon City.**

Souths have been pitted against Preston, the qualifiers from section B.

Souths missed the services of key midfielder Kenny Murphy who sustained an accident during the week.

Murphy's absence forced coach Len McKendry to reshuffle his team. Steve Wooddin came in to the side but failed to impress.

Both sides created enough opportunities in the first half but neither team found the net.

Croydon were more enterprising in the opening quarter relying on their fast forward Ian Loughnane who kept beating John Yzendoorn in the middle of the defence and caused a lot of panic in the South Melbourne defence.

Yzendoorn presented Loughnane with an ideal scoring opportunity in the 41st minute when he tried to cut the ball back to his goalkeeper Peter

Laumets.

Loughnane intercepted the ball but his ground shot went way off the left upright.

Doug Brown broke the deadlock in the 60th minute with an effortless goal.

Souths top goalscorer side-footed into the net an accurate square ball by team mate Charlie Egan.

Croydon's new recruit from Melbourne Juventus Graham French scored Souths second goal.

French tried to intercept a Wooddin shot on his goal line but much to his disappointment the ball rebounded off his leg into the net.

Footscray and Green Gully drew 2-2 and will meet again on Wednesday night at Olympic Park to decide the team that goes into the second semi final against Melbourne Croatia, to be played on Saturday night at Olympic Park.

Footscray dominated the game from the outset and scored after seven minutes from the penalty spot by Paton.

Paton was asked to take the penalty twice because some of his team mates were encroaching but the experienced striker hit the target on both occasions.

Footscray resumed the game with a lot of enthusiasm and desperately looking for a second goal to consolidate their win.

Paton found the net for the second time in the 49th minute perfectly finishing off a move by young Clayworth and Tutill.

An own goal by Stojevski gave Gully the heart they needed to fight for the equaliser.

With 10 minutes to go they pressed Footscray forcing them into defence.

Cramers headed the equaliser from a Stuart Cannell cross.



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SEASON passes and specially reserved seats are now available from the Canberra Arrows office in the Downer Olympic Soccer Club, Dickson for the forthcoming season.

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## Sponsorship announcement

THE ARROWS will announce their sponsorship deals for 1984 at a cocktail party at the Downer Olympic Club on Monday, February 20.

Original plans for the launch to be at the National Press Club were shelved when it was felt that, in consideration for the contribution of the Downer Olympic Club to the Arrows, that the launch would be more appropriate at Arrows headquarters.

Speaking of the Arrows and their proposed backers, it should be pointed out that the major backer of Soccer in the ACT is the Downer Olympic Club itself which underwrites the Arrows' involvement in the NSL.

Adrian Alston (right) in action for Australia in their 1974 World Cup match against East Germany. Alston, now Wollongong coach, is a former Canberra City player.



## ARROWS FACE OLD STARS

CANBERRA Arrows are not too disappointed with its first round NSL match against Wollongong Wolves at Bruce Stadium on Saturday, March 3.

Whilst Arrows are upset about some other aspects of the recently released draw — they do not

meet Sydney Olympic in Canberra during the season — it certainly does not apply to round one as Wollongong will come to Canberra with two former Canberra players on its staff.

We refer, of course, to former Socceroo star Adrian Alston, who is now coaching Wollongong and former England Youth international Ron Tilsed, who is making a comeback with the Wolves.

Both were involved with Canberra in the early days. Alston was the club's first guest player (from Tampa Bay Rowdies) back in 1977 and won a lot of friends in Canberra.

Tilsed was the very

first player signed by the original Canberra City club and was the club's goalkeeper for its first two seasons.

If, for no other reason, the return of its two former players will add spice to the first match with the former Canberra players already predicting a 1-0 win for Wollongong.

## CAPTAIN DILEMMA

THE BIG question mark for Arrows fans in 1984 is just who will be the skipper?

With Terry Byrne likely to be out of action for the entire year, one of the many headaches for Collins is who to appoint as the new skipper.

With so many young players in the Arrows' squad, the choice of skipper for 1984 carries more than the usual responsibility.

In trial games to date Collins has used Steve Bryant in the skipper's role.

## FRIENDSHIP FINAL IS AT SEIFFERT

THE final round of the Friendship Cup will be played at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan this Sunday evening with the Australian Institute of Sport meeting Belconnen United in the early match and Inter Monaro taking on the Arrows in the later match.

Kick off times are 6pm and 8pm respectively.

Incidentally, Belconnen United are coached by former Canberra star Mick Black, one of the most popular Soccer personalities in the ACT.

## ARROWS AIMING FOR PM'S CUP

CANBERRA Arrows are dead keen to take this year's Prime Minister's Cup from Newcastle KB United.

The match is set down for Sunday, February 26 at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan.

I introduced the Prime Minister's Cup concept back in 1978. Charles Perkins got the Prime Minister (then Malcolm Fraser) to lend his "name" to the cup and chose fellow newcomers and country cousins Newcastle KB

as the annual opponents for the trophy.

Canberra won it the first year. Since then it has remained the property of Newcastle KB.

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The first guest speaker will be Arrows new coach Doug Collins and special guests for the first meeting of the year will be the

entire Arrows first team players and staff.

Also at the first function, life membership of

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# CHIT CHAT



MARCONI is set for an exciting new season and the club will be shooting for honours this year.

Freshly geared-up with the signing of the exciting David Lowe, Marconi has a threatening forward line when you add Rod Brown and Steve Winn.

All three strikers are deadly marksmen and the trio will prove a nightmare for most NSL goalkeepers this season.

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A TOP rating Sydney Radio station has just signed up a well known Soccer personality for a Saturday and Sunday Soccer programme.

The Radio station will broadcast every Saturday morning a preview of Sunday's NSL matches and will follow this up with a complete score-round-up on Sunday afternoon.

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SO FAR there has been no big announcements on any major sponsorships for Adelaide's two NSL clubs.

But word is that just before the season kicks off, City will have some good news for fans.

Last year Boral were the major sponsors, and it is being tipped they will back the club again for an increased sum.



BARRY HOARE has had a chequered career in top grade football.

The Blacktown City keeper made the headlines in 1979 when he was playing with Parramatta in State League.

Both St George and Leichhardt wanted Hoare, and it was Leichhardt who secured him.

However, in his time at Lambert Park he never displaced the young Greg Woodhouse.

Now Hoare is set to play NSL football with the Demons ... but ironically the second keeper at Blacktown is David Curtis, who is probably the best young goalkeeper prospect since Woodhouse came onto the scene!

BRISBANE LIONS officials have received the explanatory letter former coach Simon Kistemaker promised in his recent shock telegram advising he was staying in Europe.

The telegram read: "I do not come back. Letter follows."

The "letter" turned out to be little more than a half-page note in which Kistemaker described his decision not to come back to Australia as the hardest decision of his life.

But he added he had been approached by three clubs while in Europe and the position with Belgian club Turnout was too good to refuse.

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A WELL-known Sydney City international was spotted snorkling at La Perouse recently.

"So what?" many people may say.

In this case the player was seen walking out of the water with his birthday suit on, not his bathing suit.

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FORMER Marconi Youth team goalie Tony Veneri was all set to be Melita's reserve keeper in the NSL this year.

However, Veneri has been sidelined for six months with a bad knee injury.

BOB MOUNTFORD



FORMER Newcastle striker Bob Mountford has arrived in Brisbane and was expected to make his debut for Brisbane City this week.

Mountford has been holidaying in England and did not return in time to play in City's first match of the season.

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IS there a contract out on goalkeepers in Sydney?

At the end of last season, St George and Australia's Terry Greedy and Sutherland's Mal Haynes announced their retirement ... both still to reach 30 years of age.

In the Super Challenge Cup series, Croatia's Steve Watson and St George's Fraser both had to be replaced through injury.

In the first round of the Ampol Cup, Sutherland's young Paul Dart — who is held in high regard by Haynes, the man who stepped aside to give him a first-team place — was "eliminated" with a bad injury.

It may not be too long before a club steps in to sign former Socceroos Greg Woodhouse (transfer-listed by Leichhardt) or Allan Maher (reserve Marconi keeper).

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IN case Sydney supporters are wondering ... Wollongong City will be playing their home games at Wollongong Show-ground this season.

The switch to Ziems Park last year was a dismal failure and club officials feel they will draw far more people to their central Wollongong base.

They certainly have to attract more fans than they did at Ziems Park.

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CHRIS MANOU could be in Victoria for the NSL kick-off.

The midfielder took off for a trial with George Cross and didn't tell West Adelaide, but coach Sam Salabasidis had told the youngster he would not be required for the opening Ampol Cup match.

CANBERRA ARROWS coach Doug Collins is waiting anxiously by his phone for a call from his club's young striking sensation, Manis Lamond, who has failed to return from a trip home to Port Moresby in Papua-New Guinea.

Lamond was due back on January 16, but the last word the Arrows have from north of the Torres Strait is that Manis was last seen heading up-river in a canoe with his mother.

The lad flaunted his skills so excellently in last year's Youth League and then before Christmas under Collins' watchful eye.

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DOUG COLLINS had a quick response to Marconi's Les Scheinflug, who was quoted in Chit Chat referring to Canberra's offer of \$8,000 for Tommy Sermanni (transfer-listed at \$20,000) as saying: "You can't buy anything worthwhile for \$8,000 these days in Soccer."

Said the Arrows coach: "Well, Sermanni came for nothing as far as transfer fees go. Air fares were the only outlay, plus a signing-on fee."

Collins was quickly on the phone to the UK following a Sydney newspaper report that Sermanni was likely to re-sign with Marconi.

"Not so," said Collins firmly. "He is coming here and that is absolutely definite. The only proviso is that the fee must be right."

"Marconi has come down to \$13,000 in negotiations thus far, but that figure is still too high."

Collins also pointed with pride to the acclaim being heaped on Steve Winn.

"He's sending them into raptures. I brought him to the club and he scored a hat-trick in his first game, then had to undergo a cartilage operation which kept him out of action until the end of last season."

"He is deadly in the box. Given his skills, he has the potential to end up top goalscorer in the League."

WEST ADELAIDE sweeper Neil McGachey was probably the first player to find out when the NSL season kicks off.

When he learnt it was Sunday, March 4, he arranged to have his second son, Brett, christened the day before.

McGachey has another son, five-year-old Craig, and a daughter, Helen, who is three.

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WITH the retirement of physio Bill Finney, there have been changes in Sydney City's backroom staff.

Mick Hickman, who was Doug Collins' assistant at Marconi, will be Slickers' physio this year and will also assist with coaching.

Terry Smith, who played for Manly last year, is number two to coach Eddie Thomson.

Smith applied to coach Manly in the State League.

CRAIG JOHNSTON, Liverpool's dynamic Australian midfielder, recently met 70 Australian Soccer youngsters touring England.

They were shown over the famous Anfield ground by Liverpool and England's 1982 World Cup centre-back, Phil Thompson.

Whilst Phil was talking to the young Aussies on the pitch at Anfield, the boys spotted Johnston striding across the turf.

The Australian Soccer Weekly had secretly ar-

ranged with Craig to come and meet the young Aussies.

Johnston was cross-examined by the boys for some two hours.

Craig told them that he would be returning to Australia during the off-season, probably early May, now that Liverpool had been knocked out of this year's F.A. Cup by Brighton.

But Craig also told the boys that he would not be guesting for any NSL club whilst he was in Australia.



TONY BRENNAN's planned move from Canberra Arrows to Blacktown Demons has fallen through.

Arrows have a \$20,000 transfer fee on Brennan but they would take quite a bit less to see him fixed up.

At his best, Brennan is an exciting, explosive player but he has not proved a good investment for Canberra since moving from Queensland.

It will be difficult finding a new club for him because he does not want to leave the national capital ... and Arrows are the only NSL team there.

Perhaps Brennan, who looked a potential international star, could finish up playing in a minor competition.

WOLLONGONG CITY full-back Peter Willis is making a late start with the club this season.

An original member of the team when they started out in 1981, Willis signed up after lengthy negotiations with the board but then left on holidays.

Coach Adrian Alston has switched usual winger David Green to the right full-back role and is pleased with the way the gamble is paying off so far.

Willis will certainly give the defence a bit of much-needed experience and being a fitness fanatic it won't take him long to get match-fit.



ARE they wearing the right shirts? That's what many people may be thinking.

This action shot was taken a couple of seasons back when Jim Ziras was starring for Sydney Olympic in defence and Marshal Soper was knocking in goals for Leichhardt.

Now Soper is leading the charge in Olympic's quest to win their first NSL title and Ziras has been signed up by Leichhardt to stabilise their defence.



**SPECTATOR** at NSW Ampol Cup matches was Peter Hensman, who retired as a Grand Final winner with Sydney Croatia at the end of last season.

Hensman has no thoughts of taking on a coaching job.

"If I was going to be involved I'd still be playing," Hensman said.

Hensman still is playing ... but only Indoor Soccer.

**PAUL BLUTE** could be a major front-running star for West Adelaide this season — if he agrees to sign.

The big 19-year-old striker, currently with Croatia in the SA State League, impressed West coach Sam Salabasidis the first time he saw him.

However, West tried to sign the youngster last year, but he said he was not prepared to train four times a week.

**MARCONI** secretary-manager, Keith Charles, recently returned to Australia after a three week Asian jaunt.

After travelling with the Australian team to Singapore for the Merlion Cup, and being away from home so long he earned too many "yellow cards" with his wife.

So to "clear the books", Keith enterprisingly took his wife on a holiday to South East Asia.

TONY MORSELLO (dark shirt): honeymooning



**LONG-TIME** Brisbane Lions official Hans Strik has been voted as the club's new vice-president and has some big plans for the coming season.

Strik, who has been instrumental in many Lions promotion over the past few years, is planning a special Soccer committee to get the code moving in Queensland.

That's certainly a big job, but if anyone can do it, Hans can.

**TONY MORSELLO** (Leicestershire) and Steve O'Connor (Sydney City) have both been missing from their club teams in the Ampol Cup.

The reasons may be regarded as simple or complex, but they both had the same excuse — honeymooning.

**ADELAIDE CITY** and West Adelaide may be involved in a transfer deal.

Chunky West midfielder David Doorne wants away, and the 20-year-old has his eyes on City, which has lost class midfielder Stewart Blair back to Azzurri.

The rugged Doorne might be the ideal partner for the ball playing Charley Villani and Sergio Melta.

**WILLIE WALLACE** has a new job with the Star Panther promotion group, a fund-raising outfit which collects money for various sports in Penrith.

He also has a big job on his hands whipping the Penrith team into a match-winning unit.

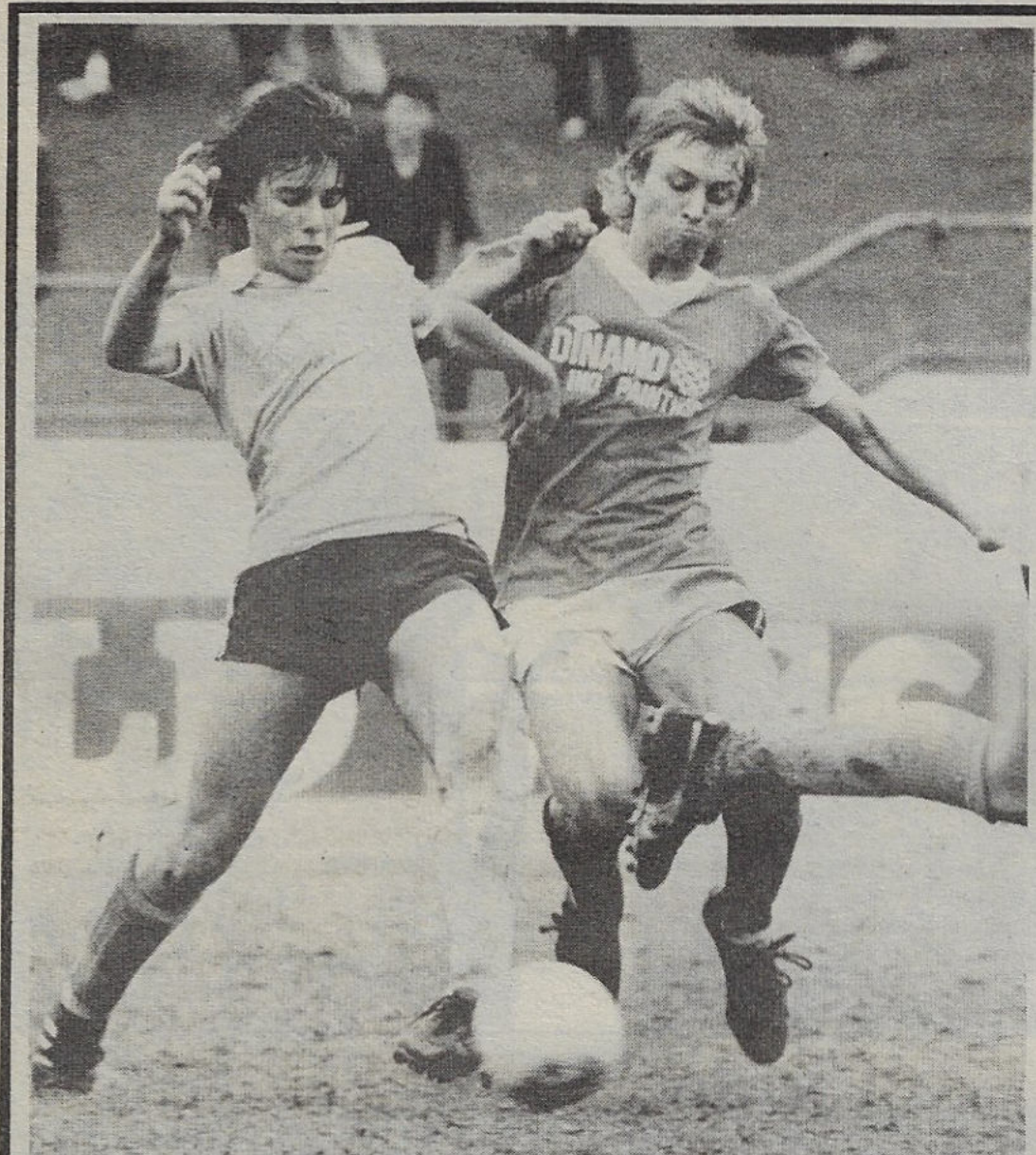
Early signs suggest the new boys of the national league have a tough road ahead in 1984.

**NO names, no pack drill**, but one newly-appointed NSL coach is none too pleased with the involvement — some would say interference — of the president of his club.

This is not the first time that president has come under fire from his team's coaches, and many of his decisions have created administrative hiccups for coaching staff.

The latest imbroglio concerns approaches to the president about the transfer or loan of certain players after the coach had set certain proposals unacceptable to the interested parties.

In the interests of all concerned, the president would be well advised to back off; the coach is not one to accept people rooting around in his garden.



THESE two young players battling for possession are team-mates this year. This shot was taken during the 1982 NSW State League Grand Final.

Shane Clinch (left) played for Sutherland in that match against Croatia.

This year he teams up with his opponent in this photo, Brett Woods.

At the end of the 1982 season, Woods was voted NSW U21 Player of the Year, while Clinch was one of the runners-up.

**AUSTRALIA's** national team could be playing on one of the world's most famous grounds this year.

The ground is Ibrox Park, Glasgow, home of the famous Rangers.

Rangers are just about signed and sealed for a tour of Australia in May or June and have generously agreed to play a return match in Glasgow when the Socceroos undertake their close-season tour.

Ibrox Park will be quite an eye-opener for the Australian players, many of whom are used to playing on dreadful cow paddocks every weekend.

Although Ibrox now has a crowd limit of around 50,000 — since seating replaced the old standing room — the famous ground once accommodated nearly 120,000 people for a Rangers v Celtic match.

**NOW** that Melita Eagles has adopted the name Parramatta Melita for its first venture in the NSL, club officials have decided they'd like to be more closely identified with the premiership-winning Rugby League team in the district.

A new set of jerseys in the League team's famous blue and gold colours has been delivered to the Melita Stadium.

At first, the new gear will be used as a reserve strip, but the betting is that it will become the team's first choice uniform.

"Some of our fans will kill us after being used to the familiar red and white for such a long time," said a Melita official.

Surely not. It makes good sense. As the old jingle reminds us "get with the strength."

And right now in NSW, the strength in football is Rugby League... and particularly Parramatta Rugby League.

**PETER BEGGS** has "returned home" with his signing for Wollongong City.

Beggs played with the old Wollongong City club in the State League a few years back along with a young winger named Phil O'Connor.

O'Connor ironically left Wollongong to join Heidelberg the day after Beggs signed his new one-year contract.

Beggs played with Sutherland and St George in Sydney, with Saints originally paying \$10,000 to get him.

He also had three games with Wollongong United on loan last year before switching back to Sutherland.

One of his three games with the NSW State side was against Greek club side AEK and that day he scored two goals in a fine exhibition at the Sports Ground.

He seems likely to team up with Glenn Fontana in the front-line for Wollongong — Fontana having also returned to the fold after a season with Avala.

**ST GEORGE**, (speaking of club souvenirs), has just added to its range, a line of supporters' red jumpers with the club name KNITTED across the chest, all for a very modest price and looking most effective to say the least.

**SOCCER** club souvenirs are a million pound business in England.

Soon, a Sydney NSL club, plans a proud range of its club's products.

Newcastle KB easily had the very best range of club souvenirs when it first entered the NSL. K.B. supporters could buy scarves, ties, spray-jackets, stickers, pennants and jumpers.

**TOMMY McCULLOCH** has left Southampton after trials with the English first division club and will be back in Sydney on February 21.

The Australian World Youth Championship skipper is having a couple of weeks holiday in the UK before teaming up again with Marconi.

Tommy is visiting relations in Yorkshire and Ayrshire.

He is very disappointed that Marconi and Southampton could not agree terms which would have given him a career as a full-time professional.

**FORMER** St George centre-back David Rylands is hoping to break back into top level football in Australia.

Rylands, 30, was a professional in England for many years before coming to Australia at the beginning of 1981.

That season he was a regular with Saints in the NSW State League, but on their return to National League, he ended up in the youth team and eventually out of the squad altogether.

**FORMER** Brisbane City coach and captain George Potter has returned to the playing field.

Potter, who also had played early on with Lions, is back playing with Premier League club North Star. (He coached the side last season.)

Potter, who has worked extremely hard during the off-season to regain his fitness, says he will continue playing "while I keep enjoying it".

**SPOTTED** at the one-day World Series Cup Cricket final between Australia and the West Indies at the SCG was Sydney Croatia goalkeeper Steve Watson.

"Watto" didn't have training that night so he thought he would catch a game before the series concludes.

Pity he picked that match, as Australia were all out for 160 while the West Indies reached that figure with nine wickets remaining.

STEVE WATSON





# A SKIPPER WHO CAN LEAD ROOS TO WORLD CUP

BY TOM ANDERSON

**THE most important player in Australia's tough quest to qualify for the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico is without doubt Socceroo captain John Kosmina.**

Kosmina will be the cornerstone of the Socceroo team and the man with the biggest say in the outcome of Australia's hopes.

At the present time Alexander John Kosmina is by far Australia's finest striker and given the proper support has the ability to penetrate and punish any defence we

against an Australian captain who refused to turn the other cheek and a man who was the complete inspiration to his team-mates.

Not only did John Kosmina absorb a great deal of punishment from the Asians he kept his cool, played his football and led his team to a magnificent victory in the face of adversity.

In fact this was the

young John was weaned on the game.

In the early days his grandmother offered John a shilling for every goal he scored in school and club games.

However with young Kossie rattling in up to eight or nine goals a game, Granny's offer had to be withdrawn.

John attended school at Largs Bay Primary School, which was an

## KOSMINA IS OUR FINEST STRIKER

are likely to meet in the World Cup qualification rounds.

Also, in a period of two years since being given the leadership of the Socceroos, he has developed into a captain comparable with the great Peter Wilson and Jimmy Rooney — two of the finest captains ever to lead the Socceroos.

During the World Cup campaign next year — and not 1986 as so many people seem to imagine — Kosmina's guile, power and leadership is certain to come to the fore and at times completely dominate the proceedings.

This was in evidence recently in Singapore when for the second time in succession Kosmina led his Socceroos to victory in the Merlion Cup series ... a series that was no walk-over for our boys.

China and South Korea are two teams of very high standard and both of these nations not only play a highly technical game of football but now, unlike the days of the past, are not backward when it comes to dishing out the hard stuff.

However they came up

hour that John Kosmina really stamped himself a great Australian captain in my book.

The Asian Soccer authorities with whom I talked at length in Singapore were full of praise and admiration for Kosmina.

They were also very relieved that now Oceania has been tossed out of the Asian qualification rounds of the World Cup, they would not have to try and contain the Australian captain in crucial World Cup games.

Another man who has the highest regard for Kosmina is his former team-mate David Mitchell, now in Scotland with the Rangers.

I called into Rangers' magnificent home at Ibrox Stadium last month

The main topic of the conversation was on young Australians' ability to break into the big time in Scottish and English football — a very hard task indeed as so many of our youngsters have found out.

However David Mitchell was adamant that John Kosmina is the only player in Australian football who could come over to Britain and play first-team Soccer straight away.

Of course, Kosmina has already tried his hand in British Soccer and made a number of first-team appearances with English giant Arsenal.

Had he decided to stay in the UK instead of returning to his beloved homeland, Kosmina would now be a household name in British football circles.

He was born at Lefevre and Port Adelaide Community Hospital in South Australia on August 17, 1956.

The son of a Polish immigrant who was a leading administrator of the Polonia club in Adelaide,

Aussie Rules stronghold.

However the situation changed and the school, mainly through the talents of Kosmina, won the Referees Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium.

In 1970, world-famous West German coach Dettmar Cramer visited Australia on a coaching tour.

After a visit to Adelaide and having watched the 14-year-old Kosmina in action, Cramer described him as: "A boy of magnificent talents and equal to any of his age in Europe."

Kosmina first burst on to the national scene when he was selected for Eric Worthington's Under 23 international team to travel to Indonesia.

Then in 1976 he was chosen for the Australian 'B' team to play Russia in Perth.

He then played in the qualifying rounds of the 1978 World Cup before his spell at Arsenal.

Now a permanent member of the national team, Kosmina played in some of the World Cup qualifying games in 1981 before being made captain of Australia for the successful Merlion Cup quest of 1982.

At the present time John Kosmina is happily settled in Sydney with his charming family and is a successful representative with the Nike Sportswear organisation.

John Kosmina is now on the threshold of his third World Cup campaign with his beloved Socceroos.

And after having failed twice in the past to qualify for the Finals he is determined it will now be third time lucky.

Whatever the outcome, one thing is certain — the Socceroo captaincy is in the best hands possible.

With John Kosmina at the helm, the Socceroos are really on the road again.



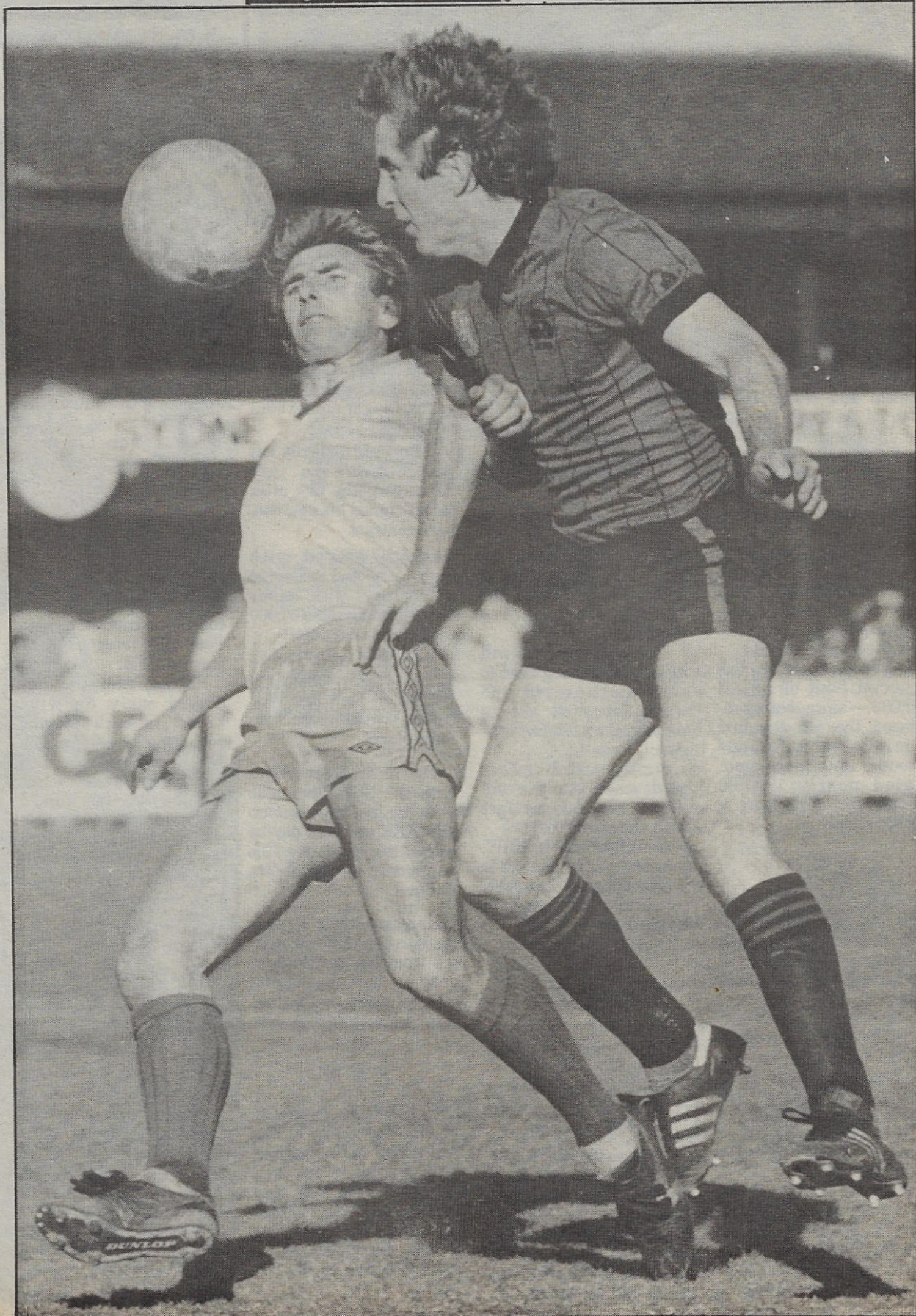
## PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

JOHN KOSMINA



RIGHT: Kosmina arrives back in Sydney with the Merlion Cup to be greeted by his wife Judy and their young child.

BELOW: John in action (left) for Sydney City in a match against Preston in the NSL last year.



DAVID MITCHELL





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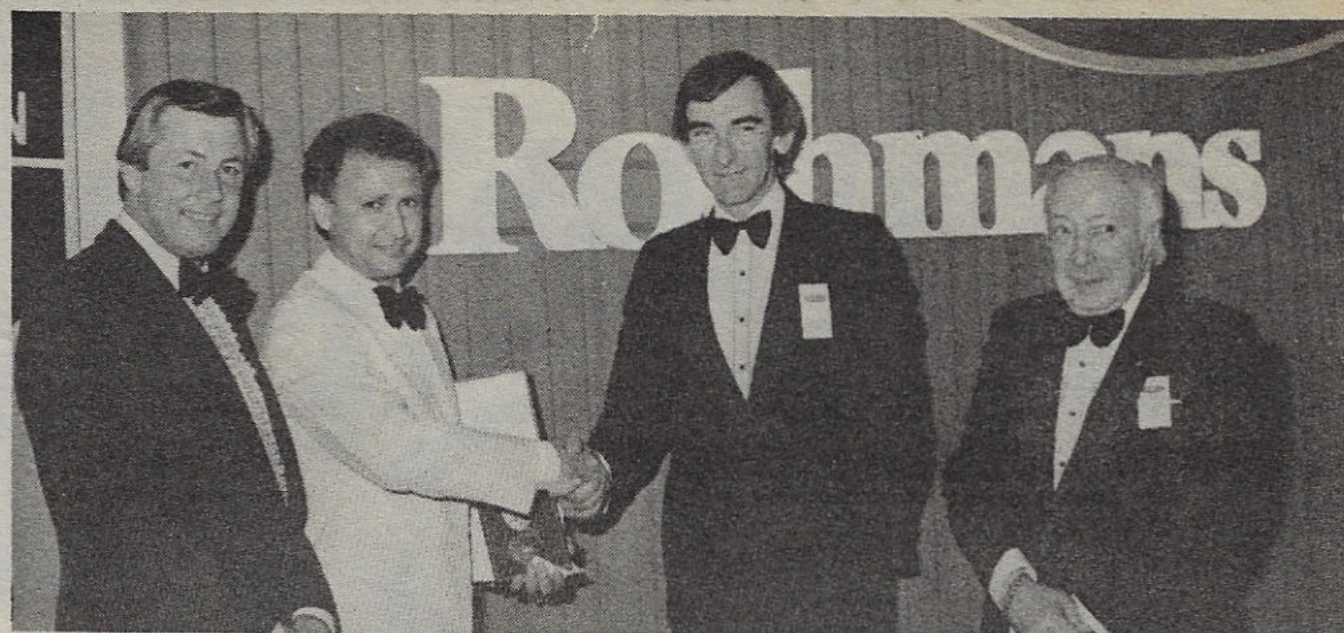
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# AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES



FLASHBACK TO OCTOBER 1983 when Agenor Muniz was presented with the Rothmans Medal by Rothmans NSW manager Robert Page, in the company of NSW Minister for Sport Michael Cleary and then president of the NSWFC, Karel Rodny. Muniz hasn't agreed terms with Avala.

## AVALA ADOPT A YOUTH POLICY

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

**AVALA, a club that enjoyed marginal success last season, have been adopting a youth policy during the off-season.**

This measure was taken after 22 players were placed on transfer by the club. Some players were not needed, others wanted to leave and a couple of players couldn't come to terms.

Prominent players on transfer are Peter Ahrens, Mark Barton, Steve Deller, Eddie Pateron, George Fernandez and Javi Fernandez.

1983 Rothmans medal winner, Agenor Muniz, has not agreed to terms offered by the club for the 1984 season.

Attempts have been made to try and contact Harry Hosseini but he can't be found.

Steve Lalic returns to the club as first grade coach after being away from Soccer for one year.

He came to Australia in 1965 and played for three years with one of Australia's greatest club sides, Yugal. In 1968 he switched to Avala, and has been associated with the club ever since.

Lalic knows that the playing quality and strength of the club lies in its youth.

"One of the major reasons why we have so many players on transfer is to give opportunities to our young players to gain experience by playing second and third grade.

"A typical problem that faces most clubs is that if you have a player who plays well in third grade, it is difficult for him to move into second because of a large first grade squad and the leftover second graders," Lalic said.

With the return of Lalic to the coaching position, three midfielders are also returning to the club (Zoran Djuricic, Gary Bate-man and Rodic Veseljko).

Attempts are being made to sign Nicola Duvnjak from Inter-Monaro.

The four defensive spots will be fought out between John Lembryk



ABOVE: NICOLA DUVNJAK: may be signed  
RIGHT: PAUL BURROWS: experienced forward  
BELOW: HARRY HOSSEINI: can't be found



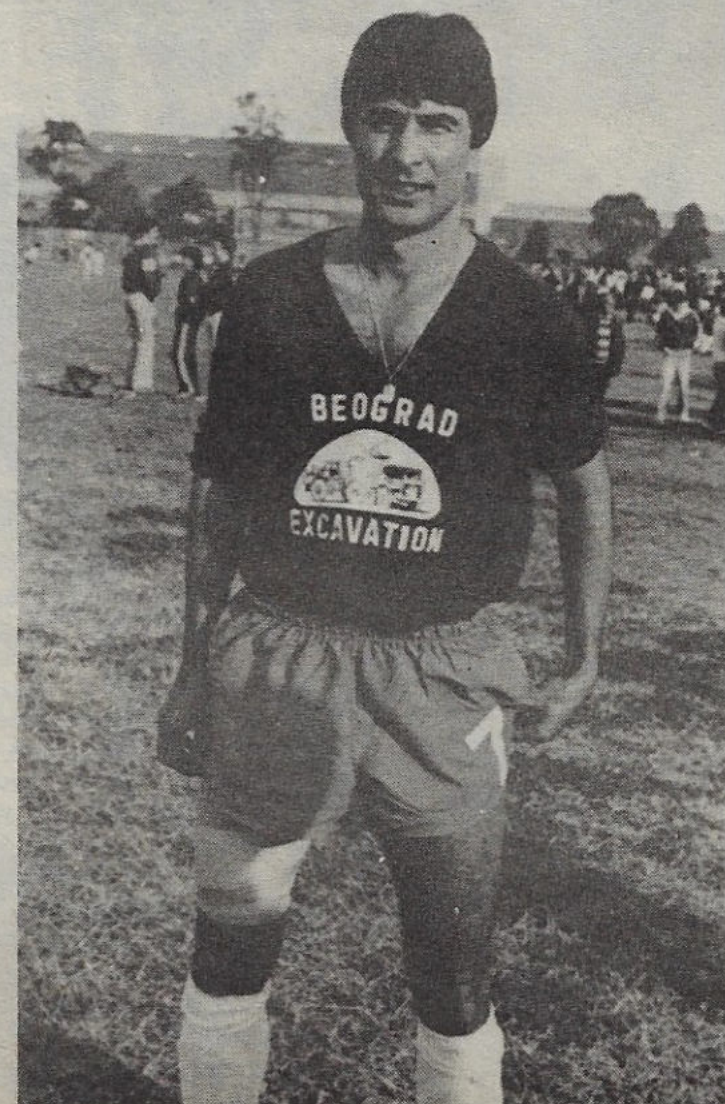
(recovering from a cartilage operation), Doug MacKenzie, Grugo Vujinovic, Craig McKenzie, Don Brown and 17-year-old Dule Cosaric.

Milirad Milankovic and Goran Curcic (ex-Inter Monaro) will compete for the position of goalkeeper.

The forward department will be a mixture of youth and experience. Experienced players Paul Burrows and Gary Milne will be challenged for their spots by John Rodriguez, Paul Mali, Aljosa Vrankovic and Bobby Antic (all played in the lower grades or juniors last year).

Lalic is optimistic about his teams chances.

"This year we will be building for the future. We must spend as little as possible, develop our youth and reach the best position possible," Lalic said.



BRIAN PARKER (white shirt at back) in action during his days with Sydney Croatia

## NORTHS AIM FOR FIRST DIVISION

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

**NORTH BANKSTOWN, currently playing in the Second Division of the NSW State League, have set themselves a major goal for the ensuing season.**

Promotion to the First Division of the State League has been one of their primary aims during the past couple of seasons.

Playing facilities at their Potts Park ground are among the best in the State, and the club has the lease on the ground for the next 15 years.

Adjoining Potts Park is the Bankstown Greyhound Club, and they will sponsor the senior and junior sides as they have done in previous years.

First grade player-coach Paul Thompson, who recently returned from a successful tour of the US as manager of the Australian U19 Indoor Soccer side, is confident of his club's chances this year.

"The club is taking all measures to gain promotion this year. We have two players of NSL experience training with us and hopefully we can sign them.

"We are adopting a positive youth policy this year and with some of the experienced players at the club, it should pay dividends," Thompson said.

At this stage of the year there are five young players who will be pressing for first grade selection: Darren Stevenson 19, Ian Parry 20, Robbie Thompson 20, Urjin Osman 18, Leon Moon 19 and Andrew Beckers 19.

The latter three represented the Australian Indoor U19 side in the team Thompson managed on their US tour.

Midway through last year, the club was staring relegation in the face, sitting just one position above last spot. John Majors, coach at the time, left the club due to business reasons and was replaced by Thompson.

Within a week he had signed three prominent State League players: Terry Jones, Brian Parker and Peter Butcher.

These three played for the defunct Riverwood club and were released on loan by the NSW Soccer Federation.

At this stage, there are some doubts about Jones returning to the club, while Butcher has signed for Rockdale-Ilinden and Parker has been in Scotland.



PAUL THOMPSON



# POLONIA IS A CHALLENGE FOR ZEMAN

BY BRAD EARL

**FORMER** Australian international Dave Zeman has taken on a difficult challenge this year.

As the new Polonia coach in State League First Division, he steps up a division after three years at Blacktown United.

Polonia have been beset by some behind-the-scenes problems during the past couple of years, and like many clubs have been hit by financial trouble.

Now with Zeman at the helm, Polonia could go ahead ... if he is given full support by people at the club.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Zeman came to Australia at the age of seven. He played as a centre-back for many years with the now-defunct Prague club in Sydney First Division and made the Australian team in 1969 under coach Joe Vlasits.

He hopes to bring in a more professional attitude, and, as he did at Blacktown United, build a strong youth programme.

At this stage Polonia have only made one new signing for the coming season — striker Scott Lumsdaine from Blacktown City.

Main departures are defender Ron Geekie and winger Kenny Smith, who have joined Auburn-Uruguay. Andy Tracey, who played for Polonia after Riverwood folded last season, has not returned.

"I'm not too concerned," Zeman said. "Any player who hasn't got his heart in it I'm not interested in."

The Polish players in the team, who are in their 30s, are playing again this season.

Midfielder Ziggy Garlowski, who was the '83 coach, sweeper Tony Galas and striker Henry Sobczyk all have fine skills — but Zeman says motivation can be a problem.

Two youngsters have

been singled out by Zeman as likely to make their mark at Polonia this year — stopper Ricky Vandenberg and right-back Angelo Colusso.

And two other young players who have come onto the scene in the past two years who could be big assets for Polonia are striker Dave Thomas and defender Andrew Grosas.

On the weekend Polonia beat Auburn 5-0 in a trial match, and will face Bankstown National next Sunday at Chopin Park.



□ HENRY SOBCZYK: skills

## REIS-WALSH SWAP

BY BERNIE HARRIS

**CANBERRA ARROWS** coach Doug Collins has exercised the option his club held over 21-year-old striker, Alan Reis, and has re-signed him for \$1,500 from NSW State League club Inter-Monaro.

At the same time, the possible deportation of Arrows player John Walsh has been averted by the player's signing by Inter-Monaro.

The fee for Walsh is \$1,000, but the Arrows again have an option on his services.

Walsh came to Australia off his own bat and was readily accepted into the Arrows squad at the start of last season, when he literally "wandered in off the street".

On occasions he demonstrated attacking flair from the backline and was a solid if not brilliant defender.

The return of Alan Reis to Canberra's NSL team reunites the striker with the club for which he played first in 1978 with his brother Phil.

However, both were submerged as forwards by

the signing of Baz Giampaolo, Walter Valeri and Tony Brennan.

Phil Reis is a leading player in Hong Kong, the country from which the brothers came to Australia as teenagers.

Alan Reis' career always bordered on the big breakthrough.

In 1981, he was among the first intake of youngsters to come under the expert guidance of Jim Shoulder at the Australian Institute of Sport. He figured prominently in the season's leading goalscorers.

Back with the Arrows, he made irregular appearances in the senior squad.

He was transferred to Inter-Monaro, and last season was a star in the team.

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LOCALS catching a look at the Inter-Monaro

squad in training for the season could be forgiven for thinking the clock had been turned back five years.

"Keeping fit" with the unit are two players who look remarkably like the dynamic duo of 1979, the year when Inter-Monaro won the State League Grand Final — strikers Baz Giampaolo and Walter Valeri.

Both are transfer-listed by Leichhardt, Giampaolo for \$25,000 and Valeri for \$8,000.

And that only demonstrates that they have worn well with the years, for back in 1980 Canberra paid \$40,000 for the two.

□ BAZ GIAMPAOLO (left) from his days with Canberra



□ ANDY TRACEY (right) playing for Polonia



□ DAVE THOMAS: asset



## TANOSKI: QUIET BUT DEDICATED

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

**YUGAL** midfielder Stan Tanoski is entering his sixth season in succession at the NSW State League club.

Born in Yugoslavia, Tanoski spent his juniors years playing in the Canterbury District competition with the Marrickville club.

He went back to Yugoslavia at the completion of Year 10 at high school. Over there he played for a local team for one season.

On his return he was signed by Yugal, played first grade in his first season, and has been there ever since.

A quietly spoke young man, I asked him what he thought about his team's chances this year.

"I think we will do better than last year. We have basically the same squad and there is talk of adding a couple of players to the first grade squad," Tanoski said.

He draws interesting comparisons on the standard of the State League five or six years ago as against recent times.

"When I first started playing in the NSW State League I think it was a better competition. All teams were relatively close in ability.

"Now there are three or four clubs who can afford to buy good players. With this depth, they always reach a high position in the competition," Tanoski said.

Stan Tanoski is one of Soccer's quiet achievers. He, like many players, goes about his duties in a confident and positive way without the fanfare of more flamboyant counterparts.

## AUBURN-URUGUAY SC SOCCER COACHES REQUIRED

For Under 13 and Under 16 Youth League teams.

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# BORDER SWINGS SOUTH

BY KEITH GILMOUR & FRANK FINLAY

IT will be a case of going "South of the Border", as the old song has it, for the Border Soccer Club, the leading senior unit of Albury Wodonga.

Border has entered the Metropolitan Division Four of the Victorian Soccer Federation, and will travel to Melbourne every second Saturday.

Leading official Tony Ratcliffe said: "What we gain is built-in promotion prospects if we are good enough."

"If we are good enough we will ultimately get through to the National Soccer League."

Border is ambitious. With the aid of three sponsors, over \$1,000 worth of travel and player costs per away game will be met.

The three are Mr Ratcliffe's own Attack Sports company, the Hume Permanent Building Society, and V-Rail.

V-Rail provides a carriage at low cost to transport the players and fans to and from the away games.

The rest of the finds come from Border's own efforts.

The big thing, Mr Ratcliffe said, is to prove a good — standard of play and increase home crowds to well in excess of the 300-600 that has done whilst the club was part of the defunct NSW Southern League and then the ACT competition.

Coach of the club is Steve Atkins, a player originally brought to Australia from Crystal Palace by Ringwood. His job took him to Albury, much to the pleasure of the Albury people.

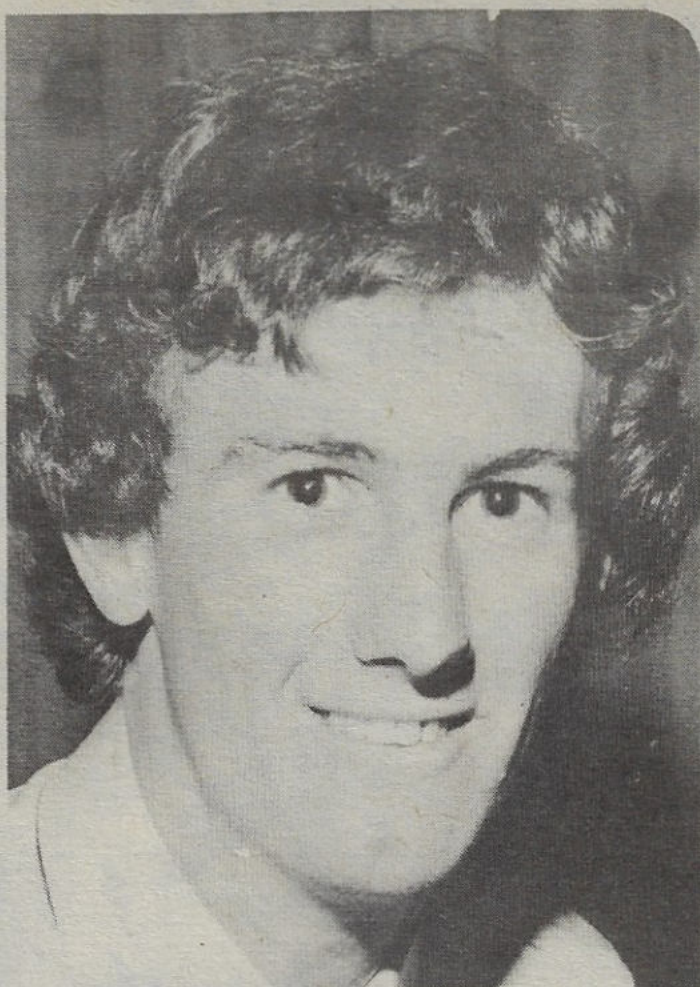
Showing up with the club is versatile Neal Endacott, who is a school teacher in the area and is on loan from his home club, Newcastle KB.

Apart from success on the field, the big tasks is to raise funds to enlarge the club premises. Once that is done Border Soccer Club will conform to the full requirements of the licence that it has already been granted.

The land held by the club covers 29 acres at North Albury, with a good pitch and a training pitch (in use at this stage).

Border is not short of aims. It has been formed to:

1. Provide logistic and financial assistance to the Albury Wodonga Soccer Assn;
2. To offer membership to Soccer players and supporters;
3. To develop first rate Albury Wodonga Soccer playing pitches;
4. To promote and develop a senior professional Soccer team to State League and ultimately National League standard.



□ NEAL ENDACOTT: on loan

These objectives were set out in 1977. Stage One of the project is part completed. All in all some \$370,000 is needed for completion.

The Stage Two clubhouse will be designed as an integral part of a grandstand, with ample under cover seating and a first class playing pitch.

Facilities for athletics and other sports for the summer months will be provided.

Wherever a district straddles a State border there will be administrative problems.

Border sees promotion through Victoria. On the junior front there are big gains by working in with bodies such as the Riverina Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation as well as the Victorian Juniors.

That contact is therefore well to the fore as Albury Wodonga and the Border get the best of both worlds.

Another close link has grown with Canberra and the ACT, and there is no doubt on the advantages of this line being maintained.

Over past seasons, Albury has done well in the Champion of Champions, NSW Amateur Cup and Country Championships.

The idea of Border is to give a proper outlet to local Soccer players, so that they can represent the growth area without necessarily having to move to one of the capitals to find a senior club.

"We are attracting good young local players, but the process has to advance further," Mr Ratcliffe said.

"Also in the course of the growth of the Border Soccer Club it tended to draw away from the Association it was aiming to help."

"Working relationships are not close enough, but bridges are being repaired and improvements will be made."

The big day is the first home game against Yarraville on Saturday March 17. It should be another big move ahead for the Border.

There are 60,000 people in the Albury Wodonga district and that is a good start for an ambitious country club to work with. Up to 10,000 of them are Soccer orientated at present.

# CUP FORMAT CRITICISED

REPORTS GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND'S Ampol Cup competition has had a major setback before it has even got off the ground.

The Gold Coast Soccer Association intends withdrawing from the Cup, claiming the competition had nothing to offer country sides and the cost of participation was not justified.

Unlike the NSW Ampol Cup, the Queensland version is played on a Statewide basis.

Teams in all country areas play qualifying matches before joining the Brisbane teams for a series of knockout matches staged at various weekends through the year.

"I would estimate that combined, clubs spend nearly \$100,000 to be part of the competition, yet the prizemoney totals on \$12,000. That's just bad economics," Mr Peter Williamson, president of the Coast Association said.

Queensland Soccer Federation officials are investigating a new format for the Cup and QSF president Ian Brusasco has urged the Gold Coast to wait until any announcement on the Cup is made before pulling out.

But the Gold Coast officials are firm their is nothing in the Ampol Cup for their players.

"There is no incentive for the country sides. I cannot name one player who has won a place in a representative side or a Brisbane club side through his exposure in the Ampol Cup," Mr Williamson said.

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After a shaky start to the year, Queensland Soccer finally got down to what it is all about — playing football.

The season got under-



□ KEN SWAN: lost

robin will contest the final.

At this stage one team almost certainly will be the Brisbane City NSL side, which looked far too strong for the other teams competing.

Brisbane Lions did not enter their NSL side.

The early matches in the tournament have given an insight into player movements during the off-season, but once again it seems the uncertainty about restructuring has kept players stationary until things settled down.

But it would not be surprising to see wholesale switching over the next few weeks as players at clubs relegated to lower divisions seek to regain a place in the higher leagues.

Some early season movements include Easts' Jeff Dolan trialling with Grange Thistle. But whether a signing goes ahead will depend on the transfer fee.

Dolan is only 22, but has been at Easts for 12 years, and is hoping to get a fair release from the Tigers.

Thistle, who already have lost Ken Swan to City, look like also losing Jim Cameron to North Star. Swan's brother Ross also has been trialling with the Zillmere club but was approached last week by City coach Joe Gilroy.



# NYSKOHUS BACK FOR BEOGRAD

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY are expected to clinch a place in the SA Ampol Cup semi-finals with a win over State League champions Beograd at Hindmarsh Stadium tomorrow night.

This would give the NSL side four points with match to go against Birkalla, who are bottom of the table in Group B.

They crashed 2-0 to Para Hills last week after holding Beograd 1-1 on opening night.

Para had fallen 0-4 to City in their opening game but now have a chance to make the semis after a nightmare run in the series over the years which saw them win only one game, draw three and lose 11.

While City are working with a shoestring squad as they look for at least two experienced players,

they look good enough to handle Beograd.

Certainly the latter will get a boost with the decision of former City and Socceroo star Johnny Nyskohus to play for another season after announcing his retirement.

He has been back in full training and should be in midfield tomorrow night.

But City will have ace striker Joe Mullen resuming following a one-match suspension and paired with Peter Rankin, who got a hat-trick against Para, could cause havoc in the Beograd defence.

In the other match in Group A, Cup holders Az-

zurri, beaten 0-1 by West on opening night, take on Polonia, who held Croatia 1-1.

The latter led West last week, but the NSL team powered back for a 2-1 win to stay top of the group with four points and a passage to the semis.

Azzurri could be fighting a losing battle, as even if they beat Polonia they could lose two points over the Robbie Dunn dispute.

The SA Federation board are investigating claims that Dunn was not signed "properly" and was still a West player when

fielded by Azzurri.

As we went to press, the board had still to announce its findings.

Polonia will go in favourites, particularly if Dunn cannot play.

## GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Polonia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Croatia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Azzurri	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

## GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
City	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Para	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
Beograd	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Birkalla	2	0	1	1	1	3	1

way last week with the first matches in the annual Grange Thistle Coca-Cola Bottlers tournament at Lanham Park. The QSF's XXXX pre-season competition starts in a fortnight.

An announcement on the XXXX competition, including the draw and new format, is still to be made.

The Thistle tournament suffered a lot from the early season uncertainty and many teams declined to enter, fearing they were too under-prepared.

But tournament organisers managed to attract 10 sides, which have been divided into two groups. The winner of each group after a round-

Last season's grand final winners Olympic may lose Tom McGregor to Brisbane City and Graham Wilson to Lions, but have not yet given up hope of retaining either.

Still, the club is looking closely at the transfer market and may sign another goalkeeper, striker and midfielder.

Ipswich have retained nearly all their players from last season and are still negotiating with former City coach Jim Hermiston. Valley Trident's Gerry Lindsay may also go to the Coalminers.

Acacia Ridge has been strengthened by gaining several players from nearby Darra, but are weak in the goalkeeping department after losing Rob Farrow on trial at Lions and John Marshall who has gone back to the Gold Coast.

Mount Gravatt, last season's grand finalists, look like having the same squad as last season, although they have transfer-listed Mark Davis and Steve Clark.

Taringa, now coached by Ian Kesson, look like turning to youth in a long-range development plan.

New Premier League clubs Wynnum and Coalstars look like relying largely on last year's squad for their first season back in the top competition.





## BRILLIANT BRAZIL?



## YES IT IS — MORE OR LESS

THEY have the look of football thoroughbreds and they're wearing the right playing gear of yellow jerseys, green trimmings and blue shorts.

Meet the players from Brazil just before their smash hit 4-2 victory over their greatest rivals.

It would be more correct to describe this team as "Brazil in Exile".

Actually it is a bunch of Brazilian Soccer enthusiasts who have settled in Melbourne and who still cherish

memories of the world's greatest football nation. They call themselves Melbourne Brazil.

There is another group of football fanatics from the same country and they live in Sydney.

They, too, field a Soccer team called, naturally enough, Sydney Brazil.

The Sydney mob chal-

lenged the Melbourneites to a match — home and away.

Sydney staged the first leg and gave their visitors quite a thrashing to the tune of 5-0.

Honour was satisfied, however, in the return fixture. Melbourne Brazil beat Sydney Brazil 4-2.

No wonder the players look so happy.

## ROVERS LOSE KEY PLAYERS

BY GARY CUTLER

ALBION ROVERS, currently without a coach, are rapidly losing most of last season's squad.

With the season only a month away, so far six players have either left or are about to leave the club.

Central defender Frank McLeod, who was a tower of strength at the back, has moved to Fawkner.

To add to that loss his partner at the back, Dean Hennessey, has also left the club.

With Kenny Smart leaving for Gully, Michael D'Silva training with Sunshine-George Cross, and goalkeeper Tommy Costello not likely to play this season, the club have their problems.

With the lack of funds available, they are going to have a tough job to replace these players and remain in State League.

## SMART MOVE BY GULLY

BY GARY CUTLER

NEWLY-promoted NSL side Green Gully have swooped into the transfer market and signed unsettled Albion Rovers striker Kenny Smart.

Smart, only 22, was one of the most promising young players in Victoria during the 1982 season but suffered badly last year when playing in the lowly Albion side.

Smart signed last week for the Victorian State League champions for \$4,500.

Gully president Guy Spiteri said: "We are pleased that we could get Kenny. He is a young lad with a heap of potential."

"If he works hard then he could be a great player, and we feel confident that he will be a good buy," said Spiteri.

Smart is expected to be used as a striker and with his shooting power and ability to run at defenders then he could well pose problems for defences in the NSL.

"Obviously it is a great move for me," Smart said. "I am looking forward to playing in the NSL."

## AMOS MAKES COMEBACK

BY GREG RUSSELL

CONTROVERSIAL Queensland referee Col Amos, who quit Soccer 18 months ago after causing a near-riot at Spencer Park, is back in the black and white.

Amos, 36, made his return to refereeing at the Grange Thistle Coca-Cola Bottlers tournament last week.

And ironically, it was a match involving Brisbane City, the club whose spectators and officials prompted Amos to give refereeing away.

But Queensland's most well-known Soccer referee managed to get through the match without any controversy, although he did award a penalty against City.

But few questioned his ruling.

"I was a bit nervous beforehand when I found out it was a match involving Brisbane City, but once I got onto the ground I thoroughly enjoyed it," Amos said.

Amos last refereed in July 1982, when he was in control of an NSL match between Sydney Olympic and Brisbane City, who at the time were bottom of the table and desperate for points.

The two teams were locked 1-1 with only minutes remaining when Amos ruled a shot by Bobby Hamilton did not fully cross the goal line. Amos ruled the ball hit the stanchion behind the upright and had rebounded out without completely crossing the line.

The City players and supporters claim the ball came off the tight netting and had fully entered the goal-mouth.

Television replays supported the City theory, although the picture was very blurred and the proof far from conclusive.

The City fans reacted wildly after being denied the certain winner and gave Amos a torrid time as he left the field.

Later a prominent City official was quoted as saying: "If I had a gun I would have put it to his head."

The furore drew a ban on Spencer Park by Queensland referees and it was not until apologies were made that the officials returned to Brisbane City.

But according to Amos, the controversy is all behind him and now he is back in Soccer just to enjoy it and keep fit.

"I certainly don't want to get involved to the level I was before. One game a weekend is all I want. Whatever game that is will be up to the appointments board," Amos said.



TONY KAISER (right) beats Mark Wilson to the ball in a South Melbourne-Northcote match

## BOX HILL SWOOP

VICTORIAN State League side Box Hill have swooped into the transfer market to make valuable additions to their squad.

Coach Billy Murray said last week: "We are hoping that within the next few days we will have another three players added to the squad."

"We have been watching Dean Hennessey very closely over the past few weeks and hopefully we can agree terms and sign him."

"Hennessey seems to have a good approach to the game and will be a

good replacement for Gabrielson."

The club were not prepared to release the names of the other players sought.

BY GARY CUTLER

One of the players who is known to be on the wanted list is South Melbourne's Tony Kaiser.

Kaiser could well be the

man to replace Richard Miranda, who has recently joined Juventus.

The Hillmen have also recently signed a striker from overseas, Steve Smith — a former Walsall player who has also had stints in Finland and South Africa.

Unfortunately the rugged striker received a knock to his ankle last week and will not be available for another week.

## ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

BY PHIL MURPHY

A ROW is brewing between local rivals Wollongong United and Fairy Meadow over talented centre-half Moritzio Montecchi.

Montecchi played with Fairy Meadow last season on loan from United and wants to stay on with the club.

Named Fairy Meadow's player of the year last season, Montecchi won't return to United.

This has upset the United officials, and they have slapped a \$4,000 transfer fee on him while he was on holidays in Fiji.

United spokesman Bob Kazovski told ASW the club wants Montecchi to return as he is a valuable player to the squad.

"If it is right that he doesn't want to come back then any other club will have to pay what we think he is worth," Kazovski said.

United coach John Bingham said he definitely wants Montecchi in his defence as he would make a big difference to the team's hopes of promotion.

Fairy Meadow secretary Walter Chichkan isn't commenting on the issue until his committee have a chance to talk to the player.

It would seem certain the matter will finish up before the NSW Federation.

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ILLAWARRA Association will start the 23rd annual Corrimal Leagues Club knockout worth \$1,250 on March 4.

All Illawarra clubs take part in addition to the Leagues Club side, and on the first weekend four grounds will be used.

The action will be at Tarrawanna Oval, Towradgi Park, Elizabeth Park and Memorial Park, with the semi-finals and final set down for Memorial Park.

The knockout goes over three weekends and is always a good crowd-puller.

Despite having dropped Wollongong City because of financial problems, the Leagues Club has remained a staunch supporter of district Soccer.

Club president Jack Bartlett has kicked off in the final every year and he will again be on deck for this year's final on March 18.

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WOLLONGONG UNITED coach John Bingham makes no secret of the fact he feels Wolves coach Adrian Alston has let the best Illawarra product slip through his fingers.

"I'm not complaining because I know he will do a great job for me this season," he said after Phil Mowbray had played in a 1-1 draw against Wollongong City.

The game showed that Phil Mowbray could show his real form now that he is back playing with Bingham.

The pair were together at Berkeley and Shellharbour and the results were winning teams both times.

Mowbray played with Fairy Meadow last season but never really commanded a regular place and jumped at the chance to rejoin Bingham.

Equally at home in midfielder or playing wide up-front, Mowbray could prove a headache for a few Second Division coaches this season.

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PREMIER league champions West-Figtree and Tarrawanna will battle out the Illawarra Charity Shield on March 24 at Tarrawanna Oval.

The winners will be the Illawarra Crippled Children's Society.

The children will be guests of the association for the day and all proceeds will go to the Society.

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OFFICIALS have named the day for the start of the premier league and first division competitions. They will get underway on March 31.

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FORMER Tarrawanna and Illawarra stopper Mark Sweeney caught the eye when Fairy Meadow played a 1-1 draw in a trial against Campbelltown.

The rangy Sweeney looked very strong in the middle of the back-four and coach Mike Johnson is keen to have him in his line-up.

Sweeney has served Tarrawanna well in recent years and was a key player in their Bampton Cup final win last season.

He should have no trouble adapting to the higher grade.



# NORTHERN NSW SET FOR A BIG YEAR

BY DON BALMAIN

**IRENE SNEYD**, publicity officer of the Northern NSW Women's Soccer Federation, outlined the activities that would be taking place north of the Hawkesbury River this year.

Calling themselves the "country-cousins" of the Sydney-based NSW Women's Federation, there is nothing hickish in their approach to setting up a programme that will keep them well occupied right through the year.

Starting with the association closest to the border, Central Coast, Irene tells me that there is a very young executive in charge there this year.



LIONEL SNEYD

The association is being headed by an ex-male player, Geoff Fathers.

To keep him on the rails, as far as the women are concerned, is his wife Cheryl.

A former State player of several years ago, playing as Cheryl McCloud, she has a good grasp on what is needed from the players' point of view.

The vice-president of the Central Coast is another young adult called Garry Creece. Vicky, his wife, represented Nth NSW last year when the State side went to Perth for the Nationals.

An older member of the Central Coast executive is Joan Catigan, from the Ocean Beach club, who has been elected as secretary.

This year, the Coasters will have Point Clare as their main ground.

Readers will remember ASW reporting that there had been a disastrous fire at the ground which destroyed the girls' canteen and almost all of their nets and training equipment.

The canteen has been rebuilt and the ground has two well-grassed pitches for the start of the season.

Quite an amount of goods were donated to get the district going again after the fire.

This year on the Central Coast, funds have been earmarked for new equipment for the canteen.

Looking towards the future, the management of the Central Coast are hoping to establish a second set of fields in the San Remo district. This will enable them to play home/away games which will be necessary with the ever-increasing number of girls.

San Remo is about an hour's drive from Gosford.

Their Indoor Soccer grand final resulted in a win for the Ocean Beach 1 team. It was a home-town final with Ocean Beach 1 and 2 contesting the last game.

With many of the girls just starting to finalise their summer sports, the Central Coast people have hopes of starting their competitions from Under 12 and continuing through U14, U15 and through to the seniors.

Mr Sneyd said that one of the biggest things ever to be undertaken by the Nthn NSW committee will be put into operation in May.

It will be a coaching camp for all ages and will be held at the Sports and Recreational Centre at Myuna Bay.

To bring the two NSW Federations into accord for further competition, the executives met last

weekend at the Central Coast Leagues Club at Gosford. The executive of the ACT have also been invited to be present.

The once-popular Central Coast tournament, conducted jointly by the two associations, has fallen behind in popularity in the last few years and it is hoped that it will be brought back to its former excellence.

With Alan Hampton again elected as president, it was a great show of confidence by the Nthn NSW branches when they re-elected almost all of the past executive for 1984.

The only difference is that Brian Nash, who was

Iserief, will have reached the ripe old age of twenty-one before this goes to press. Also on the social side, Robyn Bennett, former State player, has announced her engagement.

In March, the Nthn NSW camp will be sending away the first of what they hope will be a continual Under 17 contingent.

They will be leaving on March 30 for Darwin where they will play five games before returning on April 8.

After their coaching camp in May, the executive will just have time to draw breath before making arrangements for their State titles which will be held from June, 9-11.

Their top achievement this year will be holding the Under 15 champion-

and available recreational facilities.

The camp will be restricted to Under 17 players.

Each girl will be provided with an embroidered coaching badge of the camp and a coaching certificate signed by the national coach.

Jim Foley will be bringing the latest coaching films from England.

There will be four qualified male instructors at the camp and as well, two of the 1983 national players, Karen Menzies and Renaye Iserief, will be getting time off work to instruct as well.

There will be only 60 players permitted to attend the camp which will be broken into four groups for each instruction.

The Under 15 national championships will be held at Adamstown on the Rosebuds Soccer Club's ground.

Adamstown was chosen for the convenience of transport. The majority of the teams will be flying to the titles and Williamtown airport is within close proximity.

The arrangement for the Rosebuds' fields was arranged by Alan Hampton through the Northern NSW Soccer Council, on which he is the women's representative.

The Under 17 team is all but finalised, Mrs Sneyd said. There would be 16 girls going to Darwin and it all came about because the Nthn NSW branches started to push the executive to do something for the in between girls... too old for the Under 15 titles and too young for the senior teams.

Northern thought about forming a team of Under 17 players and taking them to play in the New Caledonian Cup but it was decided to keep them in Australia.

Graham Rees, the president of the Nthn Territory Association, was approached about competition about the time that NSW invited them to play in an U17 competition in Sydney.

NSW decided to send a team to Darwin as well.

Lionel Sneyd has been chosen to take the Northern side to Darwin as coach.

Not getting anything easy, he has to travel to Wauchope every second week to train the girls.

This town is about half-way between the Central Coast and Armidale and is four-and-a-half hours driving either way.

The Nthn NSW State will be supplying the girls' strip but everything else has to be provided by the girls or their parents, although they are hoping for a sponsor.

As we said at the start of this article, the activities of this State body for the coming season leaves one breathless.

We look forward to reports from other States as they come to life after the summer break.



assistant secretary last year, has become the secretary, and a State player, Keryn Zerkler, from Armidale, has taken his hold job.

The "galloping grandfather" of Nthn NSW, Lionel Sneyd, is Alan's vice-president with Irene Sneyd retaining the position of treasurer.

Pat Moffitt, also a seasoned veteran of the Northern executive, is the registrar.

State player and popular figure in the women's Soccer field, Renaye

ships from Jun 6-9. So far, seven States have indicated that they will be attending.

The following month, the selected girls from their State team will be going into camp on August 20, where the State coach will be putting the finishing touches on before the girls go to Canberra for the Nationals.

Irene was enthusiastic about their first-ever coaching camp.

She said that it was decided at the end of last year, after seeing the huge influx of juniors, that the Federation should do something for them.

Karen Menzies, a State player who works for the Sport and Recreation Department in Newcastle, suggested that the Myuna Bay complex would be suitable and after inspection this location was decided upon.

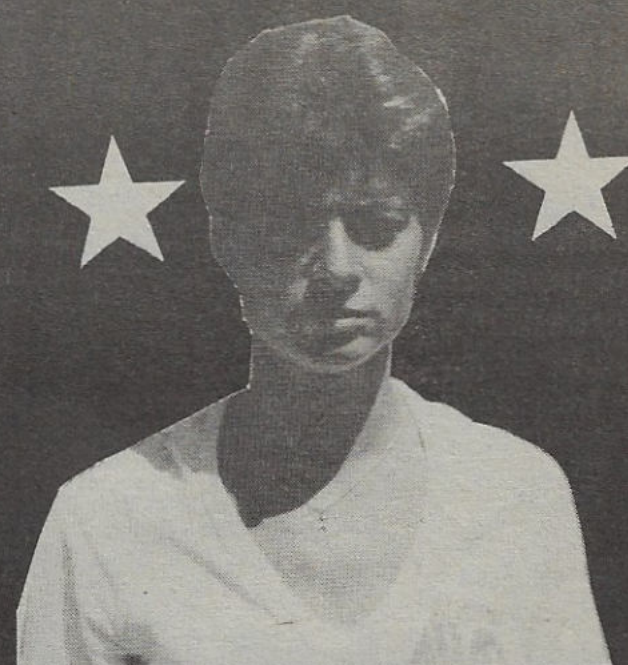
The national women's coach, Jim Selby, was approached to assist at the camp and the director of coaching for Nthn NSW, Jim Foley, promised full assistance.

As well, Mr Bill Fenney, the physio for the Nthn NSW girls' State side, was approached and he said he would be delighted to assist.

Mr Fenney is the physiotherapist for Sydney City and last year he helped out before the State girls left for Perth.

Each girl will be charged \$65 for the week-long camp and that will include full board with three cooked meals a day, all coaching instruction

## AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN INTERNATIONALS



### 3. SANDY BRENTNALL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**ONE of the lightest players to ever represent Australia is Western Australia's dynamic left midfielder, Sandy "Pee-wee" Brentnall.**

Standing at 5' 5, and barely weighing eight stone in a wringing-wet overcoat, Sandy gives Australia tremendous width and penetration on the left side with her great skills.

Time after time as the ball is swung out to the left to Sandy, she splits the defence and sends in perfect crosses to her strikers.

This little player is one of Australia's most constructive and unselfish players.

In the Oceania Cup final against New Zealand in Noumea, little Pee-wee scored in only the third minute of the match with a fine header to stun the Kiwis.

Sandy is a very popular player in the national side and although she walks around with a serious look on her face, does possess a wonderful sense of humour, especially on tour.

Despite her light weight, Pee-wee has lethal power in her left boot as she repeatedly unleashes strong crosses with geometric precision into the box.

With her dedication, ball-skills and love for Soccer, this 21-year-old English-born lass should be in the Australian team for many more years to come.

### PERSONAL BRIEF

**BORN:** June 27, 1962.

**BIRTHPLACE:** Nottingham, England; came to Australia at 12.

**HEIGHT:** 5' 5.

**TEAMS PLAYED FOR:** Girrawheen, Inglewood Kiev and Olympic Kingsway.

**PLAYING POSITION:** Central midfielder in club Soccer, and left midfielder for Australia.

**OCCUPATION:** Car detailer.

**FAVOURITE OTHER PLAYER:** Sharon Mateljan, past West Australian captain.

**FAVOURITE MALE PLAYER:** None really.

**FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER:** Paul Mariner of Ipswich and Kevin Keegan of course.

**AMBITIONS:** Just to continue playing for Australia and my club the way I am now.

**PLAYED FOR AUSTRALIA:** Six caps to date.

**MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR SOCCER CAREER?:** My Dad. He has coached me since I was three-years-old. He taught me all I know and has been fabulous.

**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Against New Zealand, the last match in 1982 played at Christchurch. Australia won 3-0 and I managed to score the lot that day. I'll always remember that match for the rest of my life.

**HOW CAN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER BE IMPROVED?:** The coaching department leaves a lot to be desired. There is very little quality coaching for women and there is little enthusiasm for us. There is not much to push or encourage you from behind.

**SERIOUS INJURIES:** I was in hospital for a week after a match against a mens' team. I got a kick in the stomach and a blood-clot formed. It was a friendly match and the kick was accidental I might add.

**DISLIKES IN SOCCER:** Lack of quality coaching for the girls. In Western Australia, the people involved are too busy arguing amongst themselves, so naturally the code suffers overall for it. Politics before the code.

**OBVIOUS REMEDIES:** Advertise in papers for quality coaches and to let the people know that women's Soccer does exist. Sponsorships are urgently required as they are non-existent now. Also for more professional people must get involved with us. The players are willing and do make the effort as well as the sacrifices for Soccer, which we all love so much.

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# PBC SOCCER



POLICE & Citizens Boys Clubs are so often a fruitful field for interesting youngsters in Soccer. One such club is drawn from Hornsby RSL Youth Club.

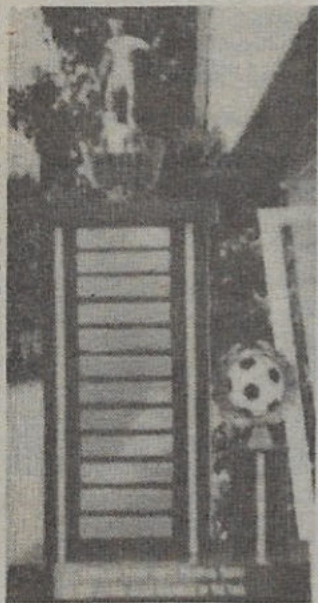
At Hornsby players from 6-18 years are catered for and president Laurie Brown is confident that this big club will have an excellent season. Contact can be made on Tel 476 4017.

Pictured is Hornsby PBC player Yens Toft (light shirt, dark shorts) threading his way through some opponents in a local game.

The other possibility is that Police Boys Clubs not so far in Soccer may well have enthusiasts for the game who wish to get it started. Whether it is this year or next, contact with local association secretaries will get things moving.

## ASW TROPHY

AS A special favour to help build Soccer in the Border district of NSW and Victoria, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY publisher Theo Skalokos agreed to donate a perpetual trophy.



This goes each year to the best junior goalkeeper, and so in a modest way brings enthusiasm to the young players coming through.

The Johnny Warren MBE Trophy is awarded to the junior player of the year. A third trophy was donated for the juniors by an eminent local specialist, Dr Vincent Thomas.

From what we can find out, this is a breakthrough for boys in the area. Junior trophies of this nature have not been awarded in the past.

## MEMORIES OF AN ENGLAND TRIP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DAVID BONNYMAN, from the Auburn Under 13 side which recently toured England, found the trip most educational and enjoyable and had some comments to make to ASW about the Aussie crusade.

David who attends Birrong Boys High, is a right-midfielder or right full-back.

However, in England, although Auburn's side played six matches without defeat (four wins and two draws), this youngster was unable to play in any of the matches due to a slight tear to his right medial ligament.

We asked David what impressed him most on the England tour, which was organised by Stephens Sport Travel for some 70 boys from all over NSW?

"What really impressed me on this fascinating tour was the time and, in most cases, the amount of luck needed, to become a full-time professional Soccer player."

Young Bonnyman continued: "Although you might be a good prospect and definitely possess the necessary ability, it takes a lot of time and a lot of luck to be spotted and recognised. Competition to make the grade is so fierce that it is unbelievable."

When the youngsters from Australia went on

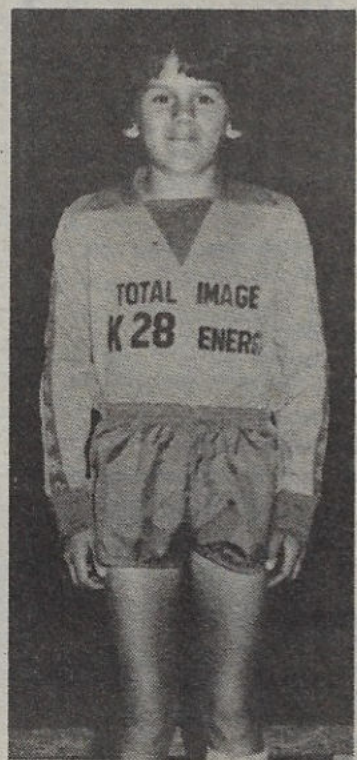
an extensive tour of the famous Liverpool complex, Anfield, David met Australia's Craig Johnston in the Liverpool trophy room.

Johnston was told that David was the "manager" of the Auburn Under 13s, and the famous Liverpool player asked David would he sign him up for a game with Auburn?

Quick as a flash, David answered "I can't sign up pensioners," which brought Johnston down on his knees.

Auburn's Under 13s achieved some magnificent results in England against the following sides:

Ipswich Blues 3-1  
Norwich City reps 2-2  
Ipswich school team 2-1  
England U14s PGL 2-1  
Peterboro' U13s 5-0  
Hayleigh School 1-1



DAVID BONNYMAN

### DAVID'S PERSONAL PROFILE

BORN: May 5, 1970.  
BIRTHPLACE: London, England.  
CLUBS: Lidcombe Churches, Auburn.  
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Kenny Boden and Jimmy Patikas.  
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Craig Johnston and Kenny Dalglish of Liverpool.  
HOBBIES: Swimming.  
FAVOURITE TEAMS: Sydney Olympic and Liverpool.  
AMBITION: To play for an English First Division side.

# NSW STAR U16S

THE NSW Under 16 team was coached last season by Allan Edmondson, who had senior experience with Sutherland, Blacktown City and the now-defunct Riverwood club.

From 1979 to 1982 he was in charge of NSW junior representation squads from Under 12 to Under 15.

Twice he had National Champion teams, and on the other two occasions his teams were runners-up.

He is highly-regarded as a staff coach with the Australian and NSW Federations.

In business life Allan is an accountant with the Department of Technical and Further Education (TAFE).

Here is a short background to the careers of boys in his squad last season. Many are moving ahead in Soccer.

Chris Kalantzis has done particularly well. He was a NSW under 16 player in the same season he played with the National Cup winners, Sydney Olympic.

In 1983 the team was managed by keen Bankstown official Jim Giffin, with Andy Watson of Sutherland as masseur.

### NICK CONRADI

Date of Birth: 11-2-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Student Killarney Heights.  
Current Club: Manly-Warringah Association.  
Position: Goalkeeper.  
Honours: Manly-Warringah Association rep teams from 1975 U8 to 1982 U15. NSW U12, 13, 14, 15. NSW Primary Schools 1978. Dual registered with State League. First Division club Manly-Warringah.

### ROBERT HOOKER

Date of Birth: 6-3-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Student Asquith Boys HS.  
Current Club: Sydney City.  
Previous Club: Ku-ring-gai Association.  
Position: Defender and team captain.  
Honours: Ku-ring-gai Association rep teams from 1975 U8 to 1982 U15. NSW U12, 13, 14, 15. NSW U15 touring team to New Zealand.

### TONY RAPO

Date of Birth: 31-3-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Apprentice bricklayer.  
Current Club: Croatia Sydney.  
Previous Club: St George Association.  
Position: Midfield.  
Honours: St George Association rep teams 1977 U10, 1978 U11, 1981 U14, 1982 U15. NSW U14, U15.

### DUNCAN WORTHINGTON

Date of Birth: 19-6-67.  
Country of Birth: England.  
Occupation: Student St Ives HS.  
Current Club: Ku-ring-gai Association.  
Previous Club: St Ives Soccer Club.  
Position: Defender.  
Honours: Ku-ring-gai Association rep teams from 1979 U12 to 1983 U16. NSW U13, 14, 15. Dual registered with State League First Division club Ku-ring-gai. Now moving to Sydney City.

### ALFREDO CARMONA

Date of Birth: 13-12-67.  
Country of Birth: Spain.  
Occupation: Student Ashfield Boys HS.  
Current Club: Canterbury Association.  
Previous Club: Sydney Olympic.  
Position: Midfield.

### CARLO SPINA

Date of Birth: 22-1-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Salesman.  
Current Club: Leichhardt.  
Previous Club: Marconi.  
Position: Defender.  
Honours: NSW U13, 14, 15. Mini-Ampol Cup winners 1980, Marconi U14 & U15 State and Metropolitan Champions. NSW U15 touring team to New Zealand.

### STEVE STRASSHOFER

Date of Birth: 29-1-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Stores assistant.  
Current Club: Canterbury Association.  
Position: Striker.  
Honours: Canterbury Association rep teams from 1976 U9 to 1982 U15. NSW U15.

### RAFAEL MARCO

Date of Birth: 21-6-67.  
Country of Birth: Spain.  
Occupation: Student Marsden HS.  
Current Club: Marconi.  
Previous Club: Gladesville-Hornsby.  
Position: Sweeper.  
Honours: Gladesville-Hornsby Association rep teams from 1975 U8 to 1976 U9. NSW U12, 13, 14. Marconi U15 State and Metropolitan Champion team. Mini-Ampol Cup winners 1980. Commonwealth Bank Cup winners with Marsden High 1982.

### GREG FISHER

Date of Birth: 9-3-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Student Turramarra HS.  
Current Club: Ku-ring-gai Association.  
Previous Club: Kissing Point SC.  
Position: Striker.  
Honours: Ku-ring-gai Association rep teams from 1976 U9 to 1983 U16. NSW U12, 13, 15. Dual registered with State League First Division club, Ku-ring-gai.

### ROSS ETHERINGTON

Date of Birth: 12-5-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Student Davidson HS.  
Current Club: Manly-Warringah Association.  
Position: Midfield and vice-captain.  
Honours: Manly-Warringah Association rep teams from 1975 U8 to 1983 U16. NSW U12, 13, 14, 15. NSW U15 touring team to New Zealand.

### RICK MONSALVE

Date of Birth: 22-3-67.  
Country of Birth: Chile.  
Occupation: Student Fairfield HS.  
Current Club: Marconi.  
Position: Midfield.

### WAYNE PIERCE

Date of Birth: 24-1-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Apprentice fitter and machinist Brookvale Technical College.  
Current Club: Manly-Warringah Association.  
Position: Defender.  
Honours: Manly-Warringah Association rep teams from 1975 U8 to 1983 U16. NSW U12, 13, 15. NSW touring team to New Zealand 1982. Dual registered with State League First Division club, Manly-Warringah.

### GREG LEROND

Date of Birth: 17-3-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Assistant housing officer NSW State Government.  
Current Club: Sutherland Shire.  
Previous Club: Sutherland Shire Association.  
Position: Midfield.  
Honours: Sutherland Association rep teams from 1976 U9 to 1982 U14. NSW U13, 15. NSW U15 touring team to New Zealand.

### CHRIS KALANTZIS

Date of Birth: 27-7-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Student Belmore HS.  
Current Club: Sydney Olympic.  
Position: Striker.  
Honours: NSW U15. Has played U19 National Youth League and first grade in NSL.

### JOHNNY VENERI

Date of Birth: 1-2-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Student Fairfield HS.  
Current Club: Marconi.  
Previous Club: Southern Districts Association.  
Position: Striker.  
Honours: Southern Districts U14. Has played U19 National Youth League.

### DRAGAN PUPOVAC

Date of Birth: 27-9-67.  
Country of Birth: Yugoslavia.  
Occupation: Student Cabramatta HS.  
Current Club: Marconi.  
Position: Goalkeeper.  
Honours: Southern Districts Association rep team 1981 U14. NSW 1980 U13.

### JOE LAIANCA

Date of Birth: 27-2-67.  
Country of Birth: Australia.  
Occupation: Student Ashfield Boys HS.  
Current Club: Leichhardt.  
Position: Goalkeeper.  
Honours: NSW U14, 15.



# UNDER 16S TODAY, NSL TOMORROW

BY KEITH GILMOUR

**REGULARLY juniors read about Robbie Slater or Peter Petkovski coming to the fore and reaching the first team of St George, the National Soccer League champion club.**

Saints are an established team, yet coach Frank Arok has been ready to find ways to promote promising juniors.

Many top clubs follow this pattern with increasingly happy results. In the future, a much higher proportion of players in the National League and State clubs will have come through junior and schoolboy ranks.

Ambitious young players need quality coaching. Coaches are trying out the best young players and then they gain the chance to prove themselves.

Robbie Slater is already prepared to join Nottingham Forest in England when his St George contract finishes.

Peter Petkovski, also rich in talent, was given a scholarship to Yugoslavia to help his development.

Behind them are a number of others. Pedro Ricoy, as with Petkovski, was in the under 16 team and in no time they both had made National League appearances.

Geoff Biscaya, one of the best prospects as a



□ PETER PETKOVSKI

defender at just 17, has had to turn aside to concentrate on study.

Tony Danaskas is a forward with a fierce shot and Paul Darlington can run the midfield with strength and certainty.

NSW Schools captain Nicky Papas, Chris Polias, Steve Zantidis, John Spirovski, Sid Masarotti and David Wilcox are others rising through the ranks.

In the next group behind them are striker Scott Watson, left winger Michael Graveski and centre-back Craig Moffitt.

Frank Arok and his assistants keep the pressure up to produce players.

Under the Arok system, the present first team forwards have another group of Youth players developing with a view to taking their places when the opportunity comes. And behind them are another younger group again, and so on it goes.

The St George Soccer production line is a planned exercise, and one that can be copied with good advantage by senior, junior and schools clubs throughout the length and breadth of Australia.



1983 U16 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

BACK ROW: Bruce Cuneo (coach) Duncan Worthington, Andrew Harper, Nigel Hobbs Michael Rosinki, Brian Ellem, Tony Nicholson (manager).

FRONT ROW: Evan Williams, Andrew Nicholson, Greg Fisher, Craig Duncan Anthony Fonti, Anthony Gough, Craig Hore.

ABSENT: Andrew McCranor, David Brown, Andrew Havadjia.

## ANSWERS GIVEN ABOUT NOUMEA YOUTH TRIPS

IN OUR issue of November 15, 1983, we ran a story on sound authority regarding the alleged behaviour of an U13 and also an U15 team in Noumea.

It was stated that, as the advice given to us indicated that a Combined Churches team was mentioned, that the NSW Churches SFA should closely look at the position, if indeed it was their team.

We are gratified to note that the Association has done so. Their conclusion has been reached and that the indications of below par conduct from these boys is untrue.

Other information has been received that there was another outside factor, and that the well-known coach with the Churches team, Vic Dalziel, believes that his boys generally conducted themselves well.

This advice we are happy to accept and publish.

We are also glad to note that our story resulted in the enquiry being made at association level.

The assertions would have gone unanswered if the story had not appeared.

ASW has nothing but respect for the way in which the NSW Churches Soccer organisation generally supplies sport for so many youth of the state.

At the same time we should express the firm opinion that teams travelling outside Australia should be approved by the state and national authorities.

Investigations involving the NSW Federation, the NSW Amateur Federation and the NSW Churches should take place to see if an associate affiliation can be organised for such bodies as the Churches at state level.

If it can be done, then there will be benefits all round. Issues of affiliation fees, coaching and insurance should be put aside so that some improvements can be made.

## WANT TO BLOW A WHISTLE?

Then contact the NSW Affiliated Referees Federation.

**President:** Jim Smith, 242 North Rocks Rd, North Rocks. Tel 871 5130 (H).

**Secretary:** Ron Beaumont, 496 Blaxland Rd, Eastwood 2122. Tel 85 7371 (H). 896 1152 (B).

Bill Lodge, Tel 560 6953, has again been elected the competition secretary.

## 1984 TURNER CUP

ELEVEN co-ordinators are all lined up and ready to go to enrol school Under 15 teams for the 1984 Turner Cup.

Players must not turn 16 in 1984.

The schools can come from the State, Catholic or private sectors, and the aim of competition organisers is to have as wide a range of entries as possible.

In 1983 there were 244 entrants, from all parts of the State, and a big increase is tipped for this year.

Cessnock High School, from the NSW northern coalfields, was the 1983 winner, with Keira from Wollongong area as runners-up.

Coordinators are:

The Sydney region: John Moscovis (Epping BHS), assisted by Phil Hare (Muirfield HS).

Newcastle/Hunter: Dudley Lewis (Booragul HS).

Central Coast: Angus Payne (Wyong HS).

Upper North Coast: Warren Bancroft (Richmond River HS).

Lower North Coast: Brett Gore (Forster HS).

South Coast: Fred Smith (Berkeley HS).

Riverina: David Dunn (Koorlingal HS).

Far West: Alan Groth (Lithgow HS).

Upper North West: Bill Schofield (Duval HS, Armidale).

Lower North West: Brian Boggs (Oxley HS, Tamworth).

ACT: Peter Weddell, ACT Sports Coordinator, (062) 49 0301.

Here is the entry form:

### ENTRY FORM 1984 TURNER CUP

The Sydney closing date is Wednesday, March 14. The local co-ordinator will advise the date in other regions.

School:

Address:

Phone:

Coach

FIRST NAME

SURNAME

Home Phone:

Manager:

FIRST NAME

SURNAME

Home Phone:

Colours: Shirt:

Shorts:

Socks:

Home Ground:

Principal's Signature:

Date:

## SOUTHERN NSW STRENGTHENED

**THE addition of the new Macarthur Association (Campbelltown), and the return of the Shoalhaven Association (Nowra), to the ranks has greatly strengthened the organisation of Soccer in Southern NSW.**

Bringing these larger districts in resulted in a new fund of ideas to promote the code.

Branch championships went well, but president Barry Hunter would like to see an even bigger competition in 1984.

The district's U12 representative team won the Country Championship and the U11s were the runners up.

The Highlands Association, covering the districts around Moss Vale, Bow-

ral and Mittagong, lost three major clubs to Macarthur (Campbelltown, Camden etc), but they did remarkably well by replacing these and even increasing their number of players and clubs.

Way down the Far South Coast things were difficult due to the lack of a committee.

But Burnie Rees stepped into the breach, and as the result of his efforts,

the Association, covering Merimbula, Bega, Pambula and Tathra, carried on.

It is to be hoped that more assistance comes to hand this year.

Central South Coast (Moruya, Tuross Heads, Batemans Bay and Narooma) had a senior competition.

The other active association, Southern Tablelands, covered the Goulburn and Marulan districts.



# DAZZLING DANE TO LEAVE ITALY

**MICHAEL LAUDRUP**, the brilliant young Danish international, is unhappy in Italy and is now considered a strong tip to move to England to play for Liverpool.

Laudrup (19) was signed by Juventus and loaned out to Lazio, but he has scored only four goals for the Roman team.

"Michael appears to be unhappy playing Italian football," said his father, Finn Laudrup, who is also a Danish international.

A year ago, Liverpool were all set to sign the boy. Terms were agreed but the deal fell through because of a dispute over the length of the contract.

Since then, Liverpool have kept in touch, almost every week, with the Laudrups.

The showdown won't be long. Juventus president Giovanni Boniperti has invited Finn Laudrup and his wife to Turin to discuss things.

Italian sources believe Juventus will not take up their option on Michael Laudrup and this could mean the youngster will go to Liverpool.



## CUP FINAL REPLAYED

FIFA, rulers of world Soccer, are planning plenty of celebrations to mark their 80th anniversary.

A cocktail party was held at headquarters in Zurich recently and among those present were the media plus local Swiss politicians.

Main purpose of the get-together was to strengthen links between FIFA and the guests.

The most important function at FIFA's 80th birthday celebrations will be a replay of the 1982 World Cup Final between Italy and West Germany.

We hope the Germans will be able to produce better form than they did in the Bernabeu Stadium when Italy won so convincingly.

SURPRISE result in the Jawaharal Nehru tournament played in Calcutta ... China 1 Argentina 0.

The Indian conditions must have suited Poland. They won the Final, beating a very useful Chinese team 1-0.

BOB LATCHFORD, from Swansea City, has been allowed to try his luck in Europe.

Swansea gave the former Everton and England centre-forward a free transfer and he will play for Dutch club, NAC Breda.



ALLAN SIMONSEN: surgery

## SIMONSEN DOUBTFUL STARTER

TWO of Denmark's best players, Allan Simonsen and Søren Lerby, have undergone operations which cast doubts on their availability for the European Championship in June in France.

Simonsen has had ankle surgery and Lerby, who plays for Bayern Munich in Germany, has had a knee operation.

Danish officials claim both players will be fit in time for the European titles.

Simonsen scored Denmark's vital Wembley goal in the qualifying tournament last year. He is a former European Player of the Year and has had enormous experience in top European leagues.

## \$3,000,000 TARGET

THERE is no doubt the most sought-after player in Europe right now is Manchester United and England captain Bryan Robson.

As such, Robson is an obvious target for wealthy Italian clubs ... indeed hardly a week goes by without fresh transfer rumours concerning Robson being hawked around.

Latest story suggests there are three Italian teams neck and neck in the race for Robson — the clubs being Sampdoria, A.C. Milan and Fiorentina.

And the transfer fee being suggested? \$4,600,000. "It's all just conjecture," comments Old Trafford boss Ron Atkinson.

## MARK MAKES HIS MARK

A.S. ROMA have discovered a player who could outshine even the best of their stars ... and he was born in England.

The player's name is Mark Tullio Strukelj. He is 22 and he was born in Dorking in Surrey — with an Italian father and English mother.


The boy was brought up in Trieste and the third division side in that city

transferred him to A.S. Roma for \$330,000.

After scoring a great goal for Roma against Pisa, Mark was hailed as the discovery of the season.

That was only his second game!

## OVERSEAS RESULTS

WEST GERMANY				Sporting v Varzim				Murcia v At Madrid						
B M'gladbach v Brunswick	6-2			Estoril v Braga	1-0			A Bilbao v Sevilla	5-0					
Nuremberg v Duesseldorf	2-1			Setubal v Farense	1-1			Mallorca v Osasuna	3-0					
E Frankfurt v Bielefeld	1-1			G maraes v Boavista	4-1									
Cologne v Werder	1-4			Espinho v S'gueiros	1-0									
Hamburg v L'kusen	3-0													
Bochum v Mannheim	1-0													
Stuttgart v Dortmund	3-1													
K'lautern v Verdingen	5-2													
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Stuttgart	12	6	3	46	20	30		Real Madrid	15	3	5	41	25	33
Werder	12	5	4	48	21	29		Bilbao	13	6	4	37	22	32
Bayern Mun	12	4	4	39	21	28		Barcelona	11	7	5	37	21	29
Hamburg	12	4	5	43	24	28		At Madrid	12	5	6	35	31	29
B M'gladbach	11	5	5	46	31	27		Betis	11	4	8	34	28	26
Duesseldorf	10	5	6	48	27	25		Malaga	8	9	6	35	25	25
								Zaragoza	9	7	7	33	27	25
FRANCE				BELGIUM				GREECE						
Bordeaux v Toulouse	0-0			Beringen v Anderlecht	0-1			Aek v Apollon	1-1					
Auxerre v Monaco	0-0			Beveren v Courtrai	2-1			Iraklis v P'naikos	2-2					
Paris SG v S Etienne	3-1			Cl Bruges v Sepaing	3-1			Doxa v Serres	2-1					
Nantes v Bastia	0-1			Waregem v Ce Bruges	2-1			Egaleo v Larisa	2-2					
Rennes v Laval	1-1			Molenbeek v W'schei	0-0			K' marios v Panionios	2-1					
Nimes v Toulon	1-0			Standard v FC Liege	0-2			Ethnikos v Olympiakos	1-2					
Lille v Lens	3-1			Antwerp v Lierse	3-0			Paok v Aris	0-1					
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				Lokeren v Ghent	2-1									
					W D L F A P									
Bordeaux	17	5	5	51	24	39		Beveren	16	5	1	45	23	37
Monaco	15	6	6	42	22	36		Seraing	13	4	5	44	24	30
Paris SG	14	8	5	44	26	36		Anderlecht	11	7	4	48	29	29
Nantes	14	6	7	31	19	34		Cl Bruges	10	8	4	39	24	28
Auxerre	15	4	8	43	22	34		Standard	11	5	6	34	23	27
Toulouse	14	15	7	44	28	33		Antwerp	8	8	6	36	27	24
PORTUGAL				SPAIN				  <b>THE big battle, which has halted screening of Soccer programmes on Independent Television, has finally been sorted out.</b> <b>Matches are back on the small screen after a five months drought.</b>						
Porto v Agueda	6-0			Espanol v Valencia	1-2									
P'monense v Penafiel	3-0			Malaga v Sociedad	2-2									
Rio Ave v Benfica	2-3			Real Betis v Cadiz	2-1									
				Real Madrid v Zaragoza	1-0									
				Valladolid v Salamanca	3-1									
				Sporting v Barcelona	0-0									

## SPIEGLER QUILTS COACHING JOB

ISRAEL'S former captain, Mordechai Spiegler, has resigned as coach of the Netanya Maccabi club, Israel's League champions.

A year ago, Spiegler was a hero after guiding Netanya to the title. This season, he has been abused by fans because the team is on the bottom and heading for relegation.

But Spiegler denies he quit because of the fans.

"Most of our supporters are fine people and I wouldn't have let a few hoodlums influence my decision," he said.

Spiegler was, perhaps, the greatest player ever to represent Israel.

In the qualifying games for the 1970 World Cup in Mexico, he caused Australia all sorts of problems in Tel Aviv and Sydney.

Israel reached the World Cup Finals at Australia's expense.

Later, Spiegler became a full-time professional and looked a star even in

top company in England and the USA.

He made many friends in Australia, mainly

through his outstanding skills on the field, and it is sad now to see him on the outer.

## Arrows Get Limited Response in Appeal to Fans

INDOOR SOCCER is very big business in the USA, but it's not a guaranteed money-spinner.

This article, which appeared in the New York Times, reveals the money problems of one top team.

By ALEX YANNIS  
Special to The New York Times

UNIONDALE, L.I., Jan. 28 — The Arrows were not overwhelmed with the response in their first home game since they announced that the team would be sold or moved unless fans gave it more support.

Despite the involvement of the Long Island Association, which represents 2,400 businesses, and a give-away of gym bags, the game Friday night at Nassau Coliseum — a 5-4 shootout victory over the Kansas City Comets — attracted 8,864 people. The average attendance before the game was 6,716. The association had sent letters to its members urging them to attend the game with family, friends and employees.

"We're in trouble," said the goalkeeper Shep Messing, the first player the Arrows signed and a key to their four Major Indoor Soccer League championships in the league's first four years. "I don't look at rainbows, I look at reality — 8,500 paid is fine with me, but I don't know if our owner feels the same."

Says He Wants \$3 Million

The owner is David Schoenstadt, who also owns the Comets. He was not at the game because he "couldn't stand it," he said today by telephone from his home in Kansas City.

"I got no business owning two teams," he said. "I got the Arrows because I thought it was critical to save the New York franchise. Now I

want back what I have put into the team."

Asked what the price, he said \$3 million.

Schoenstadt purchased the Arrows last year from John Luciani, the original owner, who was seeking to fold the franchise if a buyer could not be found.

Rental Reduction Urged

Because the prospects of ownership from someone based on Long Island are not too good, Schoenstadt has sought prospective buyers in Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Houston.

"I want to see the team on Long Island," Schoenstadt said. "I think it was encouraging that the crowd was larger. I think it was a step in the right direction. But if the support doesn't grow, we'll have to take the team out of there. We cannot continue to put money into it without any return. We need corporate support."

They're making a positive effort, but it's still short of what we need."

One thing he says he wants is a reduction of the \$16,000 game rental charged by the Coliseum. He said that Kemper Arena in Kansas City charged much less for the Comets. Although he would not disclose how much, the amount was believed to be \$5,000.

"I haven't heard anything about Cincinnati," Tod Leiweke, the Arrows' general manager, said. "I have heard that someone will buy the team in the next couple of weeks. I was told there are four bona fide people interested. If the team stays here, it will take a lot of bucks to get the work done."



# HUDSON TEACHES ARSENAL LESSON

ALAN HUDSON has returned to one of his former clubs, Stoke City, and with great success.

When the former English international midfielder returned from playing in the North American Soccer League, he struggled to

find a club in England.

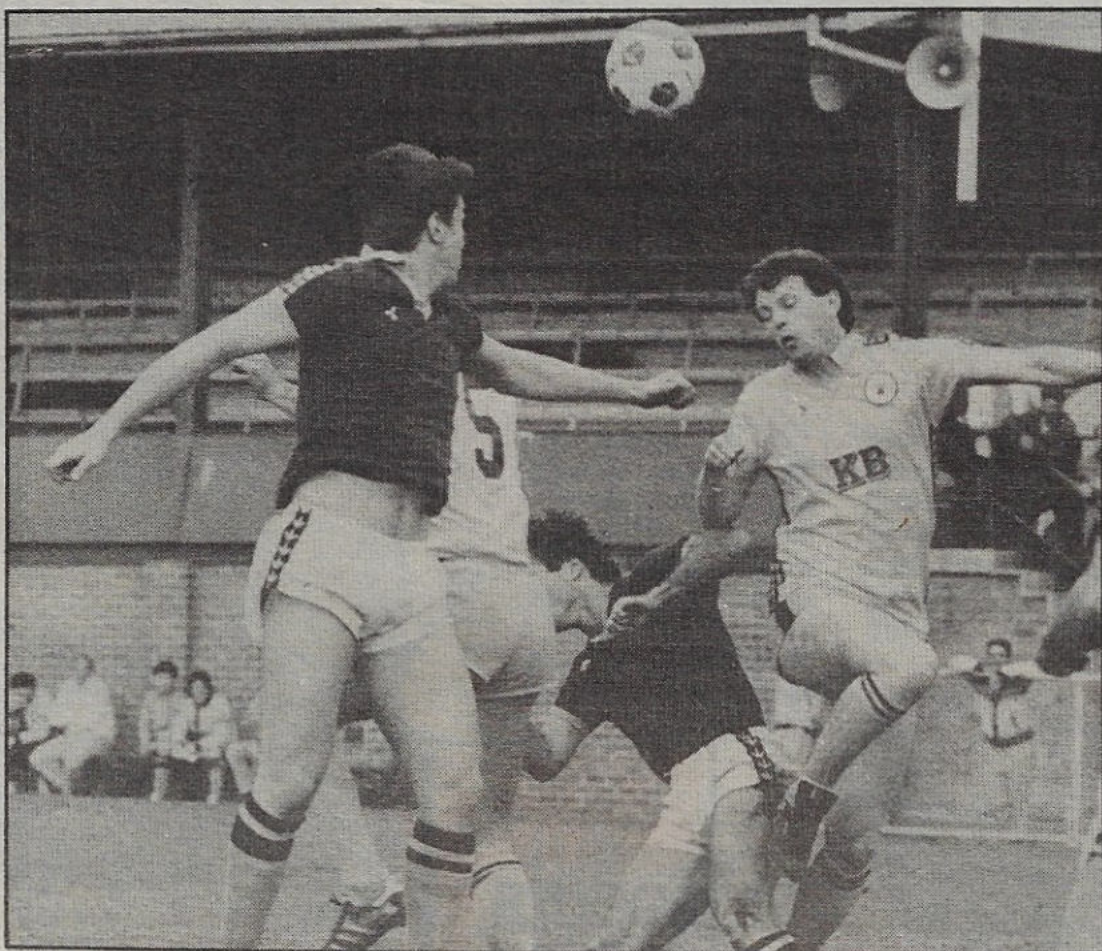
He finally joined Chelsea but was playing in the reserves when Stoke City asked him if he'd like to return to the

Potteries.

Hudson decided he would and, according to one newspaper, "gave a masterly display as Stoke beat Arsenal, another of

his former clubs, 1-0."

Incidentally, Hudson is threatening to sue an Arsenal director who allegedly made derogatory remarks about the player



## CHANNON 250 NOT OUT

MICK CHANNON, no stranger to Australian Soccer followers, reached a milestone in his career in the FA Cup replay between Norwich City and Spurs.

Playing for Norwich, who won 2-1, Channon scored the winning goal — but more important, it was also his 250th goal in the League and Cup.

Incidentally, Channon is looking forward to another trip to Australia at the end of the English season. Mick likes it here.

He is pictured in a game for Newcastle KB last season against Leichhardt.

## IT'S GOLD TRAFFORD ALL RIGHT

MANCHESTER UNITED is one British club which should have no financial headaches.

United was given the name "Soccer's money-making machine." It is not hard to see why.

Every home match at the marvellous Old Trafford ground produces gate receipts of about \$200,000.

In one year, the club's loss of \$3,500,000 was turned into a profit of \$1,000,000. That's good money in any language.

It is not surprising that there have been moves recently to take control of United away from the Edwards family which owns 51 per cent of the shares.

Chairman Martin Edwards says he is not aware of any firm bids for United and points out: "This club and stadium are very dear to my heart and we have plans to make even more improvements."

The Old Trafford ground, already just about the best in England, is to have another \$2,000,000 spent on it.

That ground is valued at \$25,000,000 — without the improvements.

## HULL TOO GENEROUS

HULL CITY thought they were making a kind gesture when, following a 1-1 draw at Wigan, they paid each player an extra bonus of \$16.

But the gesture landed Hull in trouble. The Football League found out and slapped a fine of \$400 on the club.

Hull's "crime" was that they paid players money which was not detailed in their contracts!

## SUNDERLAND

## SET TO SUE

SUNDERLAND are thinking about suing the BBC over incorrect information which went out on television.

Commentator and ex-Arsenal goalkeeper, Bob Wilson, told viewers that the F.A. Cup-tie at Roker Park between Sunderland and Birmingham City had been postponed.

In fact, it hadn't. The game went on. But Sunderland claim the BBC announcement caused many spectators to stay at home.

The club insists it would have attracted a crowd of around 30,000 to the Cup match instead of the official attendance figure of 21,226.

The BBC, though, pointed out that this was Sunderland's second highest crowd of the season — so it could have not been reduced by the announced cancellation over TV.

Even so, Sunderland chairman Tom Cowie summed up the BBC's blunder as "incredible and inexcusable!"

# KEEGAN LINES UP A NEW CLUB

KEVIN KEEGAN is all set to to be transferred to another new club — second division Portsmouth.

Since playing for Southampton, Keegan has liked the English south coast, in particular Hampshire.

In fact, although he is playing for Newcastle United in the north east, his family moved back to Hampshire some time ago.

This has involved the English international winger in a lot of travelling to fulfil his match and promotional commitments in Newcastle.

Obviously a move south would be ideal for the player.

Keegan will be 33 this week but he still has a lot to offer any English club.

He is still dedicated to the task of helping Newcastle gain promotion to the first division, but if this does happen, it will not prevent his joining Portsmouth.

On the contrary — he could then leave Newcastle knowing that he had done the job he was signed to do.

If Keegan does go to Portsmouth it will not be until the end of the season and Portsmouth, with millionaire backing, are not over-worried about finding the cash to buy him.

Portsmouth tried to sign Keegan last June but failed.

Now they have a much better chance. Newcastle

boss Arthur Cox refuses to discuss the possible departure of his star attraction.

"All I am worried about

is getting the best out of Kevin for the next three months. We'll worry about the summer when it arrives," said Cox.

## VERSATILE HAMMERS

RAY STEWART has been playing right-back for West Ham United for quite a long time but recently had a change of position and is enjoying the change.

Hammers boss John Lyall, faced with injuries to central defenders, asked Stewart to have a go in place of Alvin Martin. Stewart was a big success.

Lyall said: "We keep proving that we've got players able to play in different positions, so who needs to buy?"

Stewart commented: "I'd love to play centre-half all the time. I volunteered to take over from Alvin."



## UK SOCCER TABLES

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	27	16	7	4	45	20	55
Notts Forest	27	16	4	7	53	31	52
West Ham	27	15	5	7	44	26	50
Man United	26	13	9	4	46	29	48
QPR	26	13	4	9	43	24	43
Southampton	26	12	7	7	30	23	43
Tottenham	27	11	7	9	46	44	40
Luton	25	12	3	10	41	36	39
Norwich	27	10	9	8	33	30	39
Coventry	26	10	8	8	35	33	38
Watford	27	11	4	12	48	48	37
Aston Villa	26	10	7	9	38	41	37
Everton	26	9	8	9	21	27	35
Arsenal	26	10	4	13	42	39	34
Ipswich	26	9	5	12	36	35	32
Sunderland	26	8	8	10	26	36	32
WBA	27	9	4	14	30	45	31
Birmingham	27	8	6	13	27	33	30
Leicester	27	7	8	12	42	49	29
Stoke	27	5	8	14	23	47	23
Notts County	26	5	5	16	36	57	20
Wolverhampton	26	4	6	16	21	53	18

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	29	16	9	4	60	32	57
Sheffield Wed	27	16	7	4	53	25	55
Man City	27	15	6	6	46	29	51
Grimsby	27	13	10	4	39	27	49
Newcastle	26	15	3	8	51	37	48
Blackburn	27	12	11	4	36	31	47
Carlisle	27	12	10	5	31	19	46
Charlton	28	13	7	8	38	37	46
Huddersfield	27	10	9	8	37	35	39
Middlesbrough	27	9	8	10	30	29	35
Brighton	27	9	7	11	42	41	34
Leeds	25	9	6	10	34	35	33
Shrewsbury	26	8	9	9	30	34	33
Portsmouth	27	9	5	13	43	38	32
Cardiff	27	10	2	14	33	38	32
Oldham	27	9	5	13	30	45	32
Crystal Palace	26	8	6	12	28	34	30
Barnsley	26	8	5	13	37	38	29
Fulham	27	6	9	12	31	38	27
Derby	27	6	6	15	24	50	24
Swansea	27	3	6	18	23	54	15
Cambridge	27	2	8	17	20	50	14

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall	29	17	6	6	48	34	57
Wimbledon	28	17	3	8	69	52	54
Hull	26	14	3	9	42	20	51
Oxford	26	15	5	6	54	35	50
Sheffield United	29	13	9	7	52	35	48
Bristol Rovers	28	14	6	8	42	33	48
Bolton	29	13	8	8	40	31	47
Barnley	26	11	9	6	51	30	42
Gillingham	24	13	3	8	46	39	42
Orient	29	12	6	11	39	42	42
Millwall	28	11	7	10	46	49	40
Bradford	26	11	6	9	51	43	39
Lincoln	29	11	6	12	38	41	39
Newport	26	8	8	8	36	45	38
Wigan	27	8	6	13	41	40	30
Preston	27	7	7	11	33	34	28
Plymouth	25	7	5	13	28	37	26
Rotherham	27	7	5	15	34	49	26
Bournemouth	27	6	8	14	35	51	26
Southend	27	5	9	13	38	53	24
Brentford	27	5	7	15	34	51	22
Exeter	27	5	7	15	34	51	22
Scunthorpe	26	4	10	12	31	51	22
Port Vale	27	5	5	17	24	49	20

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	27	18	4	5	57	27	58
Doncaster	28	15	9	4	53	35	54
Bristol City	27	15	4	8	45	25	49
Reading	29	13	9	7	58	42	48
Colchester	26	13	8	5	48	24	47
Aldershot	29	13	7	9	41	43	46
Blackpool	27	14	3	10	37	27	45
Crewe	27	12	6	9	34	39	42
Peterborough	28	11	8	9	42	30	41
Tranmere	28	10	10	8	34	30	40
Northampton	27	10	10	7	32	28	40
Stockport	30	11	7	12	43	44	40
Swindon	28	10	8	10	42	36	38
Bury	28	10	8	10	42	37	38
Chesterfield	29	8	12	9	32	38	36
Torquay	28	9	9	10	37	44	36
Halifax	28	7	10	11	26	42	31
Wrexham	27	6	11	10	33	37	29
Darlington	26	8	4	14	21	29	28
Rochdale	27	6	10	11	37	50	28
Hereford	28	6	9	13	21	37	27
Mansfield	27	6	7	14	35	50	25
Hartlepool	27	5	6	16	25	50	21
Chester	28	2	9	17	22	53	15

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	22	17	3	2	57	12	37
Celtic	22	13	5	4	51	25	31
Dundee United	20	12	4	4	38	18	28
Rangers	23	10	5	8	35	30	25
St Mirren	22	6	10	6	33	31	22
Hearts	22	7	8	7	25	31	22
Hibernian	22	8	3	11	29	36	19
Dundee	21	7	2	12	29	43	16
St Johnstone	23	5	1	17	22	62	11
Motherwell	23	1	7	15	17	48	9

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partick	25	15	3	7	45	31	33
Dumbarton	25	13	7	5	45	33	33
Morton	25	11	10	4	48	32	32
Kilmarnock	26	13	3	10	43	33	29
Brechin	24	9	9	6	36	32	27
Clydebank	24	10	6	8	37	32	26
Clyde	25	9	7	9	36	30	25
Falkirk	24	11	3	10	33	36	25
Ayr	26	7	10	9	40	41	24
Airdrieonians	26	9	5	12	28	39	23
Meadowbank	26	8	6	12	29	44	22
Hamilton	25	5	10	10	27	33	20
Raith	25	4	9	12	27	41	17
Alloa	24	5	4	15	28	45	14

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forfar	22	16	4	2	43	18	36
Stirling	20	11	7	2	33	17	29
Queen of the Sth	24	12	5	7	32	21	29
Arbroath	23	12	3	8	36	26	27
East Fife	25	11	4	10	32	30	26
Stenhousemuir	23	10	6	7	29	29	26
Berwick	23	10	5	8	36	23	25
Stranraer	24	9	7	8	31	30	25
Queens Park	24	9	4	11	36	41	22
Dumfries	23	8	10	21	29	18	
East Stirling	23	6	5	12	32	42	17
Albion	23	4	7	12	28	45	15
Cowdenbeath	22	4	6	12	24	36	14
Montrose	23	6	1	16	21	47	13



## PRICE GOES ON LOAN

WELSH international defender Paul Price, who is on the transfer list, will move from Tottenham Hotspur to Cambridge on loan.

Price cost Tottenham \$400,000 when they signed him from Luton Town three years ago.



## FOSTER FIGHTS WITH CATTLIN

THERE has been a confrontation at Brighton between team captain Steve Foster and manager Chris Cattlin — not for the first time.

Cattlin explained: "I'm a volatile character and so is Steve. We do not always see eye-to-eye so we are bound to have problems."

Foster, however, will keep his position as club captain... Cattlin made that very clear.



□ STEVE FOSTER

## MULLERY'S COMEBACK



WHEN one of his Crystal Palace players failed to turn up for a reserve team match, manager Alan Mullery (42) took the field as a substitute and played the whole of the second half.

Palace won 1-0, largely due to the boss's efforts. It's said Mullery had to "pull rank" on Palace's reserve team trainer, who was just as keen to play.

## HOWE DOES HE DO IT?

ARSENAL boss Don Howe has continued to live in Wolverhampton for the past seven years, despite working in London.

This has made him just about the most regular user of the M1 motorway ever known.

In fact, Howe has covered more than half a million miles in his car since he joined Arsenal.

"I even get Christmas cards from Shell, Pirelli and Tarmac every year," joked the motorway commuter.

But at last the long drive is over.

Howe has moved into a new home at Radlett in Hertfordshire.

He and his wife and four sons will appreciate the fact that Don is now only a few kilometres away from Arsenal's training ground at London Colney.

He is hoping to land the Arsenal managerial position permanently — if such a word is applicable — at the end of the season when his caretaker status is reviewed by the Arsenal directors.

□ DON HOWE



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## YOUNG'S BIG BOOT BEATS CARLISLE

ERIC YOUNG of Brighton booted out Carlisle's 15-match unbeaten run when Brighton had a 2-1 victory over them.

It was really a case of "boots and all" for Young, a 21-year-old, who had great difficulty in getting the right sort of footwear for the match.

He needed dimple-soled

boots for the icy ground — and he takes size 12.

Brighton searched the whole of England before finally getting a pair suitable for the player.

## LAST-DITCH EFFORT BY WALES

WALES are fighting desperately to save the British Championship, which has been rejected by England and Scotland.

The English and Scots decided they couldn't be bothered playing Wales and Northern Ireland every year and just wiped the traditional fixtures.

That meant a financial disaster for Wales and Northern Ireland.

Now Welsh FA secretary Alun Evans has come up with a scheme which he believes would be financially attractive — even though he is not optimistic about it being accepted.

"Although it could be a money-maker, I expect England and Scotland to turn it down. They just don't want the British Championship any more," said Evans.

Big things are happening in Welsh Soccer with the FA headquarters likely to be moved from Wrexham to Cardiff City's Ninian Park.

It has always seemed incongruous that the small town of Wrexham in North Wales has been the national HQ, when most of the action — and not just in Soccer — happens in Cardiff, the country's largest city.

The North to South switch is part of a report from secretary Evans which took a year to compile. Welsh FA officials say they need more time to study the report.

## CLOUGH OUTBURST

JUST after signing a new contract with Nottingham Forest, controversial manager Brian Clough has blasted his directors.

When Forest travelled to Southampton, where they had a very good 1-0 win, only one director accompanied the team. Eight members of the nine-man board missed the match.

In a typical outburst, Clough said: "I am disgusted with the directors who were not there. The team needed all the support possible. Neither our chairman nor vice-chairman went to Southampton and I feel very strongly about this."

Could it be that the bold Brian is trying to talk himself out of a job?



□ BRIAN CLOUGH (left) with former assistant Peter Taylor